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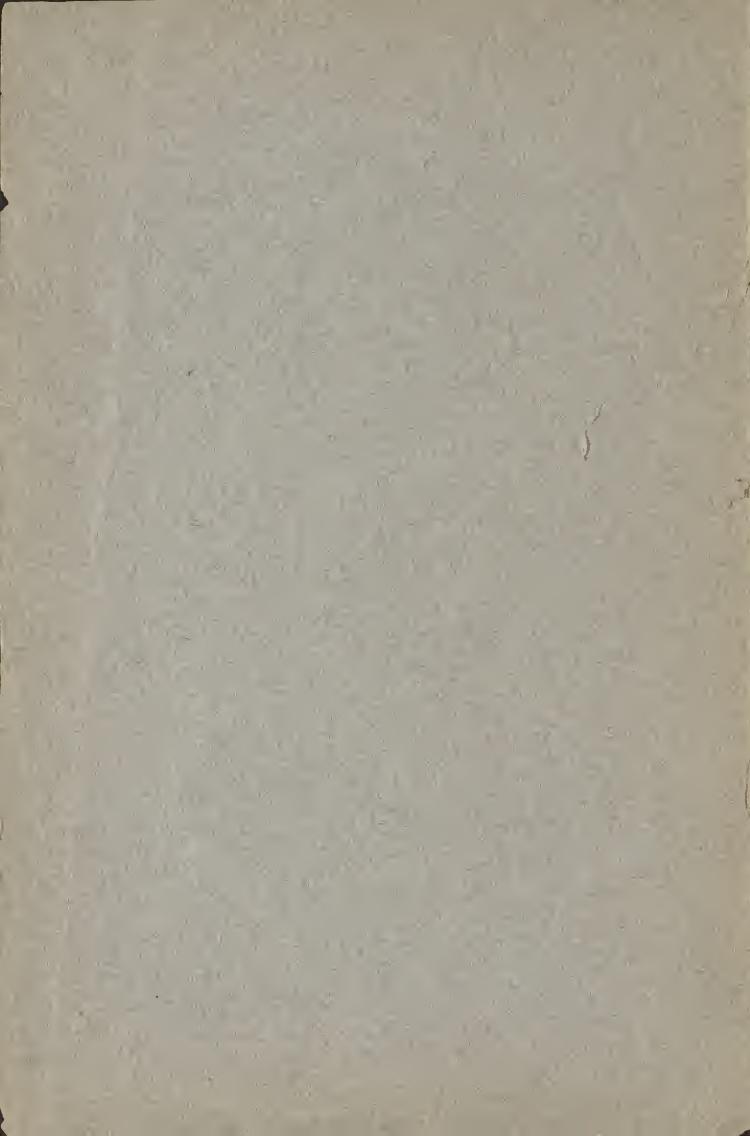
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OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION,
AND THE
EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

TOGETHER WITH

REPORTS OF OTHER AFFILIATED SOCIETIES; CONFERENCE OF THE BAPTIST
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY — PASSED MAY, 1824.

*Resolved by this Assembly :—*That Asa Wilcox, Jonathan Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said Convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

*Resolved by this Assembly :—*That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention.*"

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED JUNE 15, 1899.

*Resolved by this Assembly :—*That the corporation known by the name of The Connecticut Baptist Convention, duly incorporated by the General Assembly of this state, May session, 1824, may hereafter have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist Churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith, may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-nine (39) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A.M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.

5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year; one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the First Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall preside; and in the absence of all three the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* Secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, the two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It

shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At a meeting of the Board in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of Missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the Convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the state, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the Charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the state, a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April, and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall

keep a careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April, and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches

have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention, and when they shall have satisfied the Board that their methods of raising funds are systematic, and best adapted for securing the largest possible revenues from their local constituencies.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church, without a pastor, applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

5. No appropriation shall be made to a church until its application has been approved by a Missionary Committee representing the association within whose territory the church is located; said committee to be elected by the association, or, in case of failure to elect, appointed by the President.

6. The quarterly appropriations of the Board shall not exceed one-fourth of the reasonably assured regular annual revenue from the churches and individuals and invested funds of the Convention, except upon the basis of definite pledges sufficient to cover the excess. The revenue is to be estimated by the average receipts of the Convention from aforesaid sources, for the three years immediately preceding.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of the By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness — both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Convention.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN., Oct. 15, 1901.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, New Britain, on the above date.

President Carnot O. Spencer called the Convention to order at 10.15 A. M. Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., offered prayer.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. J. H. Strong, pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

Mr. President, and brethren and sisters of the Connecticut State Convention:

It is my very pleasant duty now to say the word of welcome. And I say the word with no less pleasure and fervor because I seem to say it late, I might properly, I suppose, on behalf of the Church and community which I have the honor to represent, to have extended this welcome yesterday afternoon in ministers' session, or last night when you met under the young people's auspices, rather than now, when many of you are already comfortably settled in our town. You have come, you have been taken into quarters, and by your smiling faces I perceive that you have begun to feel at home; and now it is my pleasant part to tell you that you have been doing just what we wanted you to do.

Friends, this is a very pleasant experience for me, and for the people whom I now represent. It is fourteen years since this Church had the honor of entertaining the State Convention. In these fourteen years those who were active then had not forgotten that there were very considerable burdens connected with the proper entertainment of the many friends who came among us. And yet so earnestly have my people set about the preparations for your coming, and so generously have they opened both purses and larders and homes, that I feel that it is no mere form of words that I utter when I say that I welcome you today in the name of the people.

I would not have you think, either, that our city, for city it is, is indifferent to your coming among us. We residents here have a pardonable pride in our town. We respect it for its business significance, for

its civic and social morale, and we love it for its beautiful situation among the hills. Let those who are strangers to its charms take the trolley during their stay to Plainville or Berlin, and let those addicted to the wheel skim out the well macadamized Hartford boulevard and put to the test my words. We are proud of our city. A five minutes' climb up Walnut Hill to the small reservoir will spread it out before your eyes, with its large factories, its churches, its schools and library, and its pleasant homes. And I want to assure you that the city speaks its welcome, and extends to you its privileges.

And now just one closing word. We hope to be blessed by your coming. We do not receive you in order to be blessed, but we need and hope for the blessing. Many prayers have arisen that the Convention assembling among us, with its range of responsibility and its inevitable burden of multitudinous detail, might be no mere bee-hive of business, but an expectant company, a heavenward-looking body, awaiting and receiving direction and inspiration from above. Such a Convention will leave its impress upon the life of the Church, and upon the life of the town. With such expectations and prayers, dear brethren, we bid you welcome!

President Spencer replied as follows:

The wise man said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." You sir, in your words of welcome have set before us the golden fruit of hospitality, beautifully displayed in your speech of silver.

The heartiness of your welcome assures us that this people are to "use hospitality without grudging." We accept it in the spirit in which it is tendered. It may be the experience of some of you that you "have entertained angels unawares," I trust however that this may not be the case, for I am confident that if you look for the angelic spirit in your guests you will be sure to find it.

It gives us much pleasure to meet with this Church, where so many noble men and godly women have labored during the more than ninety years of its existence. Like many of the Baptist Churches organized during the early part of the last century, this Church had its struggles and discouragements, but they bravely over-came and their labors were rewarded in the firm establishment of a strong Church with a power for good in this flourishing city. On the 16th of March 1870, you dedicated this Church edifice and in the following October you entertained for the first time the State Convention. From the Convention minutes I find the following item in the report of the Board.

"A few years ago the Church in New Britain was feeble and struggling, and for a time aided by the Convention, but it was borne upon the faith, the prayers and sacrifices of such men as Deacon John Osgood, Truman Woodruff and other brethren, with "honorable women not a few," some yet living and others departed; and today we behold here

one of the finest Church edifices in the land, with a large congregation, a remarkably thriving Sabbath school, and a Church which, under the labors of its earnest and faithful pastor is rapidly gaining in numbers and efficiency." Having once then, in a sense, been a child of the Convention, it gives us especial pleasure to meet with you again.

You are an object lesson, and emphasize the work of the State Convention in its assistance rendered to feeble Churches.

It is a fact too little recognized that many of our now large Churches were thus aided in their organization, and through such early aid were enabled to become strong and self supporting. We are pleased to note that your labors have not been confined to your own Church, but that you have rendered assistance and aid in the formation and support of the German and Swedish interests in your city. We congratulate you and them for the success attained.

Now brethren and sisters of the Convention, we are here to review the doings of the past year, to plan and gain enthusiasm for the coming year and to unite our prayers for success in our different departments of labor. The report of the "Board of Trustees" will give general information of the work performed, and of the needs of the Convention. The Superintendent of Missions will give a resume of his labors and his suggestions for the more effective prosecution of the work entrusted to us. The Treasurer's report will show the condition of our finances; to these I urge your close attention and careful consideration.

The discussion of topics germane to our Domestic Mission work, will I trust convince you of its importance and will instill in your minds and hearts a more earnest desire for its prosecution and extension. I desire to call your attention to a few things that seem to me to be necessary for the promotion of the interests of the Convention.

First,—The membership of our Churches need to be more fully informed of the nature and character of the work. As a means to this end, I advocate the publishing by the Convention of a monthly periodical, which shall contain the doings of the Convention, give intelligence from time to time respecting the field, of its success in promoting the preaching of the Gospel, through evangelistic efforts.

Of the organization of Baptist Churches in such sections of the state as the probabilities of growth and the element of population both present and prospective may require. Giving information of aid rendered and required in the maintenance of our Churches in sparsely settled fields where aid seems necessary, of the formation and sustaining of Sunday schools, at such points as the needs of the community may require, and of the prosecution of mission work among the foreign population of the state. There should also be a place for the Young People's work and the Educational interests of our state. In addition to these, tidings from the Churches might form a part of the material for such a publication. In the absence of any Baptist state newspaper or journal the need of some medium for the giving of intelligence to the membership of the Churches seems to be imperative.

Second.—The necessity of more interest on the part of the pastors of our Churches. It is a fact that too many of our pastors give too little importance to the Convention work, and do not impressively bring it to the attention of their congregations. It has its place (and that no mean one) among the larger missionary operations of our denomination.

In some degree, I am disposed to attribute this lack of interest to the lack of information; doubtless the frequent changes in pastorates has something to do with it, especially in the case of pastors coming from other states, who do not readily enter into the Domestic Mission work of our state, while they are fully informed and sustain missions of a National character. The pastor is expected to be a leader, and the Church is likely to be interested in proportion to the interest manifested by him. As a layman I urge our pastors to take this matter upon their hearts.

Third.—The Convention should have a permanent, vested fund sufficiently large for the income from the same to pay the salaries and the ordinary expenses of the Convention, and this once secured we could then appeal to the Churches for money with which to effectively prosecute the work; and I believe there would be a hearty and generous response.

The Conventions of all of our sister New England States now have such a fund. Through the generosity of the late Mr. Ford of Boston, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Conventions have been recently endowed, and as a consequence they are now planning for more aggressive work in their states. Massachusetts already has a fund of something over \$100,000.00.

Will not some one of our wealthier brethren take this matter into their consideration and upon their hearts? If it cannot be done from these sources may we not in some way secure from the Churches contributions to this end?

Fourth.—Some of us can remember in the earlier days of the foreign missionary effort, the prayer was then for the opening of fields of labor, and for the raising up and consecration of laborers for the field. The scene has now largely changed, the fields are open, laborers have been provided from our own land and from the natives in the field. Now, the prayer is for success, and the call is urgent for more funds with which to prosecute the work of evangelization.

The Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" has to a considerable extent been complied with so far as the distant parts of the world and the remote parts of our own country are concerned, but a new condition now confronts us and a new responsibility is upon us, by reason of the large number of foreigners coming to our shores, who need Salvation and the Christianizing influences of our own land. New England, from whom has gone forth this Christianizing element, is fast losing its distinctive character, the Anglo-Saxon element is no longer dominant in these states. For the

safety of our institutions, but above all for the salvation of those who have come to us in degradation and sin, we should increase our efforts for their evangelization. The assistance to the feeble Churches in our state must still be rendered in such fields as it seems necessary for the welfare of the community to sustain them. The importance of some of these in the rural districts will doubtless be brought to your attention in the addresses upon state evangelization. If there are any of these Churches, which seem to have outlived their usefulness, and there is no possibility of a revival of the same they should be discontinued.

It also seems to me that there is a necessity for more evangelistic and house to house efforts in connection with some of our weaker Churches, and in other fields that might be opened in some sections of our state. It is sometimes said that the days of revivals and protracted meetings have gone by, but some of us who remember the fruitful labors of a Shailer and Denison in former days, would like to see them repeated.

There is still power in the faithful preaching of the Gospel.

Fifth.—It is to be regretted that the Sunday School work of the Convention has lapsed into such a state of desuetude. Many of us remember that it formed a distinctive and prominent part of our efforts, and that some years ago it was successfully prosecuted under the leadership of the late Rev. W. C. Walker, a former pastor of the New Britain Church, and later during the Presidency of the late W. S. Bronson. Some earnest words were spoken by members of the Convention last year in reference to the revival of this interest, and an effort has been made by the Secretary of the Convention to ascertain the views of the pastors and superintendents, in reference to the advisability of employing a Sunday School Missionary upon the field, and if thought advisable they were asked to communicate the amount each Church or school would give for that purpose. The responses to the circular were not general, and there was a diversity of opinion in the matter, many deeming it best to operate along inter-denominational lines, in connection with the State Sunday School Association. I still hope that this branch of the work is not to be suspended from lack of unity in its prosecution, but if this be so, it is evident that we must bend our energies and concentrate our efforts upon these other objects, which are so vitally necessary for the evangelization of our state.

I believe the Baptists of this state are equal to the occasion, and will come up to the full measure of their duty in this matter. Let our motto be "Connecticut for Christ."

Voted, That a committee be appointed to whom the suggestions of the President may be referred, that they may report their conclusions to the Convention with reference to the matter.

In accordance with this vote, the following committee

was appointed: Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. W. H. Hubbard, Rev. G. W. Nicholson.

The Secretary announced the following committees to report at this session:

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. E. A. Bowen, Dea. Robert Palmer, Rev. Henry Clarke, Rev. G. H. Ferris, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D.

On Enrollment—Rev. W. V. Gray, Rev. N. B. Prindle, Rev. E. W. Stone, Rev. Geo. D. Gould, Rev. G. C. Sauer.

On Resolutions—Rev. A. W. Hand, Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Rev. Geo. Braker, Mr. A. J. Shipley, Dea. T. A. Perkins.

On Place and Preacher—Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Hon. J. W. Manning, Mr. Wm. H. Fielding, Rev. H. M. Thompson.

After singing "Majestic Sweetness sits Enthroned," Rev. B. U. Hatfield read from the first chapter of Acts, and Rev. F. J. Parry preached the annual sermon from *Acts 1:8*.

After recounting the circumstances of the text, and the difficulty the disciples would have in understanding this promise at the time it was made, Dr. Parry continued:

The fulfilment of their Master's promise in the actual gift of power so completely transformed and qualified them for their appointed task that they went forth with an apparently new religion, without a history, without a priesthood, without a college, without a people, without a position, to the conquest of the world, having no other weapon of aggression than the tongue of fire. After the power had come upon them they stood before the one whose hands were stained with the Saviour's blood and Peter spoke to them fearlessly, bidding all repent, believe and be baptized. There is no temptation to them now to deny their Master; they do not tremble before the scourge of the magistrate or the dangers of persecution. The power of God to witness for Christ is now upon them, and they banish all other thought as they stand before the so-called mighty men of earth. And the effect of their witnessing for Christ was at once seen in that "The same day there were added to the Church about three thousand souls."

The supreme need of the hour is that Christians and Churches should get into such contact with this power that the natural and necessary outcome of Christian activity shall be the conversion of souls. In no age have Christian Churches been so well equipped in many respects as they are today; like marvelous structures of ingenious machinery, the Churches stand forth today endowed with wealth, enriched with education and in-

fluence, sound in creed, confession and covenant, and yet there is flowing through them only a small stream of that divine energy which made the early Churches such centres of evangelizing power when they were composed of disciples whose words "Stood not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth." * * *

Brethren, the almost marvelous achievements that are being made in our days for the betterment of the race, the stupendously world-wide preparations that are taking place for the uplift of the nations, make it seem that the time is near at hand when a great tidal wave of revival will go sweeping round the globe. If there be any logic in history or human nature, if there be any certainty in the promises of God, this mighty spiritual movement will show itself in a way to astonish mankind when Christians, individual and collective, wait before God for the promised power.

Rev. W. G. Thomas led in prayer. Singing "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

Rev. P. S. Evans read the report of the Board of Trustees, and Rev. C. A. Piddock read the report of his labors as Superintendent of Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Connecticut Baptist Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN: As our annual report to you is the only printed record of the doings of the Board, and of the work of the Convention, it would seem proper for us to enter quite fully into the details of the work with which we have been entrusted. Yet we cannot do more than give a general outline of our year's labor. The work of one year is very much like that of another year. The Convention has been prosecuting the task assigned it by its constitution, to "promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist churches and Sunday schools in the State of Connecticut" for seventy-eight years. There is, of necessity, a sameness about this work, as there is in our daily lives, and in the work of our churches, calling for "a patient continuance in well doing." The results of these seventy years of patient labor are manifold and manifest. More than eighty of our churches have been fostered by the Convention in their weakness, and of more than half of these we may say they would not have been organized at all but for the spiritual and financial aid given to them.

For the first forty years your attention, or rather that of those who preceded you, was confined to our native American churches and population. But the year 1863 which witnessed the founding of the German church in New Haven, opened a new field for Christian enterprise and consecration, in labor among the foreign-born. When the Convention

first set itself to this work none had any idea of its magnitude, or of the importance to which it would grow. What was done then was well done. Five German churches were started, three of which are self-sustaining. Six Swede churches were planted, only one of which has yet reached the point of self-support. The five others are in vigorous growth, and may be said to lead all our churches in self-denial and pecuniary sacrifice. One French mission was established, that has been fruitful in leading men and women to Christ, though the peculiar conditions of the French Canadians, among whom this mission has been, has rendered inexpedient, if not impossible, the formation of French churches. While thankful for what has been achieved, it is evident that, had our resources permitted, much more might have been done for the people of these nationalities, who have shown themselves such useful and profitable citizens.

Within the last ten years we have been confronted by new and more perplexing problems, in the immigration of foreigners of many nationalities not so easily assimilated to our American ideas, and not so accessible to Christian influences as the earlier immigrants. Of these, more than twenty nationalities that have been pouring into New England, the Italians furnish by far the largest contingent. There are said to be more than 50,000 in Connecticut. They are found in all our large and small cities. They have come to stay. There are among them many men of some education and enlightenment. Some are amassing fortunes in trade, and are landlords and capitalists. Many of them however are ignorant, and already infected with false notions of liberty, and are enemies to social order and good government, and so a menace to our civilization. Yet there is an influential remnant among them that are looking for the best things, and are faced towards the light. Among these we have been working with marked success. There are now four Italian missionaries working under direction of the Board, and of the Home Mission Society. You will hear more of the work in the report of your Superintendent.

But during these years of work among our foreign-born citizens, we have not been unmindful of what was at first the only recognized work of the Convention, the assistance of our smaller churches in the country districts. Thirteen such churches are on our list. In addition to all this three churches in populous centers have been started and largely supported by your funds within a few years. A careful review of the work of the Convention will show that nowhere has more been accomplished with the means at disposal than in the State of Connecticut by its Convention.

These statements need to be made to you, brethren, for few of you have been familiar with the past history of the Convention. Most of the large hearted and generous laymen who gave so freely of their substance have passed away. Our pastors have moved to other fields, or have finished their life-work. Only 25 of the 121 pastors have been in their present pastorate over 5 years, and only 5 over 10 years. It is no

cause for wonder if the churches fail to appreciate at its full importance the work that has fallen on the Convention to do, a work that should take precedence of any other to which the churches are called.

The personnel of your Board has remained unchanged during the year except that two of its members, Rev. F. W. C. Meyer, and Rev. J. S. Lyon have removed out of the state. At the first meeting of the Board, Oct. 17, 1900, the Board appointed its Executive Committee, and re-appointed Rev. C. A. Piddock as Superintendent of Missions. The matter of appropriations was left with the Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Hartford, Oct. 29. It was decided that the appropriations to the churches be kept within the limit of \$900 per quarter. The matter of appointing a Sunday school missionary, which had been suggested at the meeting of the Convention, was considered, and the Secretary was instructed to prepare a circular letter to each one of the Sunday schools and pastors, asking if they deemed such an appointment advisable, and to specify the amount each school would furnish towards the salary and expenses of such a worker, and to report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It is well to state at this point, that the secretary carried out the instructions of the Executive Committee and reported at a later meeting, that answers were received from less than two-thirds of the schools; that these were about evenly divided as to the expediency of such an appointment, and that only between three and four hundred dollars was pledged for expenses. On receiving this report the Executive Committee deemed it unwise to proceed further in the matter at present. At this October meeting appropriations were made to 24 missions and churches, aggregating \$917.50 for the quarter.

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was held also in Hartford, Jan. 21st, 1901. At this meeting the opening of an Italian mission in Bridgeport was authorized, and Bro. C. Ceretta was transferred from New Haven to carry on the work. A committee was also appointed to see if in the interest of efficient Christian work, and on the principles of inter-denominational comity, the incipient Methodist Episcopal Church in Bantam might not be discontinued, and that little village be left to be ministered to by the Episcopal and Baptist churches already on the ground. As many of the promoters of the new interest had previously been connected with the Baptist church, and it did not seem possible to maintain three evangelical churches in so small a community, it was hoped that wise councils would prevail. The efforts of the committee proved unavailing. The Methodists have built a small house of worship, a Methodist pastor is on the field. The future of the church which has so long been fostered by the Convention is seriously imperilled. Appropriations were made at this meeting to 29 missions and churches, aggregating \$1,004.50.

The semi-annual Board meeting was held in Willimantic, April 15th, 1901. The attendance at this meeting was really smaller than at any of the previous meetings of the Executive Committee. The appropria-

tions to 28 churches and missions amounted to \$1,065.25. At this meeting the Superintendent was authorized to co-operate with the Hartford Baptist Union in the establishment of an Italian missionary in Hartford, the Union to pay one-half of the salary, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society the other half. The mission has been started under the charge of Brother Antonio Roca.

The last meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Crescent Beach, July 24. At this meeting special action was taken in the matter of the interests of the New Canaan church. Also the Treasurer was authorized to use the balance from the sale of the colored church property in Putnam in making the final payment on the mortgage of the Messiah church in Bridgeport. The appropriations to 27 churches and missions amounted to \$872.50. The Howard Avenue church, New Haven, and the Torrington church are not on our list for the last quarter. The detailed account of moneys spent on each field will appear in the table accompanying this report.

The Superintendent's report, which is presented with this, will give you a true account of the condition of the churches aided. As to general conditions throughout the state, the Secretary has not been able to gather full statistics at the time of writing this report. This will not prove to have been one of our more fruitful years. The additions by baptism will fall below those of last year. Returns from 118 out of the 142 churches, show 575 baptisms, with a gain of membership of only 67. This matter will receive more careful attention at the hands of your committee on the State of Religion. The Treasurer's report will tell you what the churches have done towards furnishing the needed money. The Superintendent will also give an account of the Centennial Fund, towards securing which he has done everything in his power. We trust that before your sessions shall have commenced he will be able to report the last of the \$10,000 he has been looking for.

Brethren, your Board would once again urge upon you, as representatives of the churches, to give the work of the Convention the place in your prayers and benefactions that its importance demands. The Convention is but the creature of the churches. The invested funds yield but a small amount. The measure of the liberality of the churches is the exact measure of our ability to carry on the work which the Head of the Church has committed to our hands.

The above adopted by the Board,

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

NEW BRITAIN, October 14th, 1901.

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES.

Missionaries	Field of Labor.	Weeks Employed	Baptized	Sermons.	Other Addresses.	Prayer Meetings.	Pastoral Visits.	Bibles and Testaments.	Pages of Tracts.	Paid by Convention.	From other Sources.
T. Tetrault,	Putnam	52	4	109	..	155	995	23	10,310	\$300 00	\$300
	Danielson...	52	1	185	56	97	553	18	295	360 00	360
P. DeCarlo...	Stamford	52	10	120	46	52	1,484	86	2,981	330 00	330
M. Mazzuca.	New Haven.	52	7	57	49	25	1,991	86	2,890	600 00	.....
C. Ceretta....	Bridgeport..	52	..	...	..	..	....	..	.....	75 00	.....
Anton. Roca.	Hartford	13	..	...	..	..	....	..	.....	75 00	.....
		4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	22	471	151	329	5,023	213	19,176	\$2,365 00	.....

Note—Mr. Ceretta's salary is partly paid by the Publication Society. Mr. Roca's salary is paid by the Hartford Baptist Union.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

I herewith submit for your consideration my annual report, which includes in substance what I have already reported to you at length, at the meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee. The past year has not been a specially eventful one, so far as our work is concerned, and yet in some important respects we have made substantial progress. I have preached every Sunday but two during the year, and have been enabled every week to accomplish something for the cause that interests us all. The fact remains that while there has been an increased interest and an enlarged knowledge of the work of the Convention, much remains to be done in this direction. Patience and perseverance, as well as faithfulness are needed to evangelize our state.

With these introductory remarks I proceed to consider the work in detail. The Secretary of the Board as usual, will furnish the necessary statistics of baptisms on our mission fields, as well as other indications of growth.

THE ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

The churches aided during the year in this Association have been South Woodstock, Eastford and Westford, as well as the support of the French Missions that are wholly within the bounds of the Association. Rev. L. J. Bamberg resigned the pastorate of the church in South Woodstock, after a most successful ministry, to accept a call to a mission in Holyoke, Mass. He was succeeded almost immediately by Rev. J. H. Cooksley, of New York State, who has already had tokens of the Divine favor. Quite a number have already been baptized, as the fruits of a revival in progress when Mr. Bamberg left the church. The prospect of this mission is very hopeful, indeed. Rev. T. P. Briggs has resigned the pastorate of the churches at Eastford and Westford, and these fields are at present pastorless. Mr. Briggs closed his pastorate September 1. It

is expected that some one will be secured to work on these fields. Brother Briggs did a commendable work here and his last year was his best. The French mission, under the direction of Pastor Tetrault and his wife, has continued about the same as a year ago, though I understand that the work at North Grosvenordale is quite promising. The general interests of this Association look better to me than for several years.

THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

The Poquonnoc Bridge church has been served during the year by Rev. F. H. Cooper. On account of the growth of the community, and the prospective increase in population, it is likely that in the near future this church may become self-supporting. It is one of the most encouraging of our rural fields. Rev. Justus Aldrich has resigned the pastorate of the church in Sterling, where he has accomplished so much. The church is now hoping to settle a pastor soon, and quite likely before this meeting of the Convention they will have been successful.

THE NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

I hear that Brother Very, pastor of the Lyme church, has resigned, but have not yet learned the particulars. It will be seen by the statistics what work has been done within the bounds of this Association. It is evident that much more needs to be done in order to build up the waste places, like Lakes Pond, Salem, and Scott Hill, where the population has been constantly decreasing. Brother Nye has done a good work at Scott Hill.

THE HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

Rev. F. S. Leathers, has continued his labors at Bantam and East Cornwall and has revived the work at Cornwall Hollow. This field seems to be quite hopeful at present, and certainly services ought to be sustained here as it is missionary ground. Rev. J. C. Gavin who returned to the North and South Colebrook churches a year ago has continued to serve these fields. The Board is well aware of the discouraging features of these and other remote churches that must be sustained if the gospel is to be preached at all in the communities where they are located. The Torrington church, which was benefitted by the will of Hon Elisha Turner to the amount of \$4,000 is no longer aided by the Convention, though it seems to me this aid might have well continued a short time longer. The Torrington brethren and sisters are thoroughly united and their sacrifice and fidelity are worthy of all praise. This church is one of the very best results of Convention work, and will remain a monument to the energy and ability of the people as well as the contributions of the Convention. There has been no especial change in the church at Tariffville where Rev. H. A. Price has continued his labors. It is a pleasure to record the prosperous and united condition of the church in Winsted, under its new pastor, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer. This church is not aided by the Convention at present. Good work has

been done by Rev. J. E. Higgins at Canton and New Hartford, which were so long mission fields. A year ago the Hartford Association appointed a committee to visit the church in Rainbow and see if something could be done to revive the interests there. I am not aware that this committee reported at the recent meeting of the Hartford Association that anything had been done for the Rainbow church. The work among the foreign population in the Hartford Association is confined to New Britain, and the city of Hartford. The Swede work in New Britain is in a very encouraging condition, and in Hartford, where last year a new church was dedicated, the Swedish church, under the leadership of Rev. John Friborg, is having a good degree of success. Both of these churches have heavy debts, but the ability of the Swedes to pay such debts is well known, and under the energetic leadership of their pastors they are likely to succeed. The Italian Mission that was started a year ago under the leadership of Rev. Marco Mazzuca has been continued by Missionary Roca. I reported a year ago the improved condition of our church in West Hartford. Rev. H. R. Traver has continued his labors during the year, and I am happy to say that the improvement has continued. The long disputed question of the boundary between the property of the church and of the town, was finally settled, the town paying to the church the sum of \$1,100 in adjustment of the boundary line, which sum was used in repairs on the church edifice. I may be pardoned for adding here that the contention made by your Superintendent on this subject was amply justified by the survey made, and was a substantial victory for the church.

THE NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

The Swedish church in Waterbury, which was served for about two years by Rev. Mr. Krumlin, has continued its work with success. They have also been aided in New Haven, where Rev. Mr. Lundin has been most successful, a large number having been baptized in a revival last winter. The Swedish church in Meriden has also been aided during the year, where Pastor Kohler is doing an admirable work. Rev. R. A. Nichols resigned the pastorate of the church in Cheshire last winter, and no one has been secured to succeed him. This church has had occasional supplies. The Howard Avenue church which was aided last year and a portion of the present year is now self-supporting, and under the leadership of Rev. George B. Cutten, I understand that the entire debt of \$4,000 has been paid. The Italian work in New Haven has greatly prospered with Rev. Marco Mazzucca as missionary, and it is proposed in the near future to build a chapel for our Italian brethren in that city. This with the land will cost about \$5,000 and it is earnestly desired that the State Convention shall contribute \$1,000 toward this sum, the balance will be raised largely in New Haven. It is hoped to complete the subscription during the present month, and this will be a good introduction to the enlargement of our work for this first year of the century. But to do this will require a deeper interest in the evangelization of our own land than we have yet manifested.

THE FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

The German mission, under the direction of Pastor Dietz, has continued about the same as a year ago. There are many elements of discouragement in connection with this work. There are several thousand Germans in Bridgeport, and it would seem as though the mission ought to be sustained, yet I do not see the elements of success in this field. Pastor Dietz has apparently done all that anyone could have done to bring the work to a successful issue. The Italian work in Bridgeport under the direction of Missionary Ceretta, has been unusually successful. This mission has held its meetings in the church of the Messiah, which was built partly through the efforts of the Convention. The Italian work in Stamford has also been carried on by Missionary DeCarlo and steps are being taken to secure their present chapel as a permanent house of worship. The church in Stamford and Pastor Braker have co-operated with Missionary DeCarlo in securing this desirable result.

I have in former years urged upon the Convention the importance of holding the title deeds of the property of our small and weak mission churches and missions. All the experience I have had during the years of service confirms me in the wisdom of this course. At least two pieces of property have been lost to the denomination within a short time by failure in this regard. When a church becomes strong and efficient and is not receiving aid from the State Convention, it can easily secure a title from your Board of Trustees. On the other hand money should not be voted to any great extent in the aid of churches where such title is not held. This is the uniform usage, I am informed, in all denominations, and it is both reasonable and just. We ought not to invest money in any mission that in any way is likely to abuse our trust, or endanger our own property. As a matter of self-protection, as well as for the good of the interests involved, I would urge upon the Board the faithful carrying out of what is already a law in our body governing appropriations. The church in New Canaan has not been aided during the year, except as we sustained the Evangelist Luther during three months of service on that field. Your Superintendent has also preached there on four Sundays of the year, and has visited them several times. The future of this church has many elements of discouragement. At present it is not aided by us.

In closing this report, which is necessarily brief, as I cannot even consider all the peculiarities of every field, I desire to express my thankfulness to the members of the Board, as well as the pastors of the churches for all the kindness, aid and sympathy I have received from them in undertaking this work. Those who know its character will recognize that the labor of the Superintendent of Missions is very often a thankless task. Difficult problems and vexatious situations are sure to arise, which the Superintendent must meet and answer to the best of his ability. The property of the Convention and the care of the Missions have been constantly increasing. Our work has a wider outlook

than ever before in its history, and there never was a grander time for successful missionary effort than today. Our work among the foreigners has been growing and the necessity for evangelizing these people has lately come upon us as never before. The death of the beloved President of our Nation has disclosed to us a state of anarchy and a threatened reign of lawlessness and a tide of sin that can only be stemmed by the gospel of the Son of God, faithfully preached and lived in the church. Our duty to evangelize Connecticut has been emphasized, and while many of our people are not yet awakened to their solemn responsibility, it is to be hoped that these events will have such a result. The century we have just entered upon ought to be the grandest missionary century since the Apostolic age, indeed it ought to surpass that age as the number of workers have increased and the opportunity for labors greatly widened. Twice as much money ought to be given for State Missions, and a larger interest taken, both by pastors and people. Some are wilfully ignorant, while many are indifferent to the claims of our own commonwealth. I wish also to urge upon your attention once more the claims of our Bible schools.

A year ago I expressed to this body my desire to be relieved from the position of Superintendent of Missions, as I wished to take an extended vacation. The Board very kindly voted me a six weeks vacation but in the circumstances of the case and the needs of the Convention, I have not felt that I could take such a leave of absence. It is my desire to take such a rest as I feel I need, after the expiration of my year of service, December 1. I wish to thank you all for your kindness and to express my hope that the work will go forward even if the workers change. The work itself will never change. May the great Shepherd of the Sheep watch over our missions, and may we be able to bring about the coming of a better day, the dawn of the Christian civilization to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. PIDDOCK.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM AIDED CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Weeks of Service.	Baptized.	Added by Letter, &c.	Members of	Sermons Preached.	Pastoral Visits.	For Homes.	BENEVOLENCE.					Paid by Con- vention.	From other Sources.
									State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Be- lence.		
Bridgeport German,....	H. L. Diets,....	52	5	6	58	118	488	\$ 584 69	\$8 80	\$15 00	\$47 55	\$54 39	\$145 44	\$200 00	\$200 00
N. Haven, Howard Av.,...	G. B. Cutten,....	39	6	8	138	97	237	2,605 07	8 00	10 26	.....	10 00	28 26	150 00	100 00
" " Axel E. Lundeen	Sweden,....	52	33	8	83	212	578	805 14	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	100 00	100 00
Meriden, W. Kohler,....	" " " " " "	52	11	6	105	195	287	850 39	7 75	12 82	10 00	30 00	60 57	115 00	120 00
Hartford, J. Friberg,....	" " " " " "	52	12	5	87	178	361	1,725 24	16 00	18 63	20 00	64 85	119 48	120 00	120 00
New Britain, J. E. Kinnborg,....	" " " " " "	52	13	3	112	214	500	986 12	21 95	25 08	19 49	40 48	107 00	120 00	120 00
Waterbury, A. E. Krumlin,....	" " " " " "	39	6	5	55	142	171	626 32	4 00	11 00	5 00	43 74	63 74	55 00	100 00
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Shelton, T. A. T. Hanna,....	" " " " " "	52	1	5	74	104	...	804 00	12 00	10 00	22 00	120 00
White Hills, L. A. Brooks,....	" " " " " "	13	..	3	51	29	91	299 00	10 00	6 00	16 00	75 00
Wethersfield, W. P. Elsdon,....	" " " " " "	52	..	11	35	39	55	474 15	10 00	.....	.....	2 50	12 50	60 00	149 00
West Hartford, H. A. Travers,....	" " " " " "	52	2	11	51	74	195	562 57	9 00	15 00	10 00	4 50	38 50	160 00	.....
Tariffville, H. A. Price,....	" " " " " "	52	2	..	61	88	460	660 44	15 00	3 00	3 00	7 25	28 25	120 00	.....
Torrington, P. S. Evans,....	" " " " " "	39	..	5	97	100	441	1,341 83	50 69	38 00	35 00	53 76	182 75	150 00	.....
Bantam, F. S. Leathers,....	" " " " " "	52	2	..	40	110	215	188 40	8 00	2 00	2 00	.....	9 00	50 00	.....
Cornwall, F. S. Leathers,....	" " " " " "	52	2	..	48	93	100	195 69	5 00	.....	.....	10 76	54 76	50 00	.....
East, F. S. Leathers,....	" " " " " "	52	..	..	27	53	108	48 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	6 00	50 00	.....
Colerbrook, North, J. C. Garvin,....	" " " " " "	39	..	..	44	37	122	146 65	3 04	6 75	6 30	2 00	21 31	30 00	.....
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	52	8	2	41	46	64	379 68	10 00	.....	3 00	3 80	16 80	40 00	.....
Westford, T. P. Briggs,....	" " " " " "	26	8	4	60	51	92	295 00	11 25	4 50	9 55	3 50	28 80	52 50	.....
South Woodstock, L. J. Bamberg,....	" " " " " "	13	..	..	80	51	198	377 18	10 00	12 09	11 81	6 00	39 90	95 00	.....
Sterling Hill, Justus Aldrich,....	" " " " " "	52	..	1	125	103	222	516 50	10 30	6 65	.....	8 50	25 45	80 00	.....
Poquonnoc, F. H. Cooper,....	" " " " " "	52	3	1	72	48	258	209 50	.....	.....	.....	8 35	8 35	60 00	34 28
Scott Hill, B. F. Nye,....	" " " " " "	52	..	..	98	152	275	575 88	10 00	4 00	5 00	9 60	28 60	75 00	.....
Old Lyme, J. R. Very,....	" " " " " "	52	..	..	98	152	275	575 88	10 00	4 00	5 00	9 60	28 60	75 00	.....
25 Churches.	26 Pastors, yrs.	21.86	112	75	1,695	2,486	6,377	\$71,024 91	\$76 03	\$204 78	\$228 66	\$451 09	\$1,160 50	\$2,307 50	\$1,093 28

Voted, That these reports be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Mr. Wm. F. Walker, the treasurer, presented a summary of his report.

Voted, That the report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Rev. F. G. McKeever, as chairman of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following names for officers for the ensuing year:

For President, Carnot O. Spencer, Hartford.

For First Vice-President, A. C. Hubbard, Danbury.

For Second Vice-President, Charles A. Benjamin, New London.

For Secretary, P. S. Evans, Torrington.

For Treasurer, W. F. Walker, New Britain.

For Auditor, Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford.

Voted, That Rev. F. G. McKeever be instructed to cast the ballot for the above list of officers. Upon his doing so, they were declared elected.

Rev. C. C. Smith offered prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

President Spencer called the Convention to order at 2.10 P. M.

Rev. J. P. Brown offered prayer.

The report of the Board of Trustees was discussed by several brethren.

By Rev. H. M. Thompson of Hartford.

Mr. President and Members of the Convention:

I am to speak on the report of your Board. We are now brought face to face with the real object of our gathering. We place as the caption to our program, the Baptist State Convention of Connecticut. Were it not for the Convention, the ministers would not have met in Conference; the young people would not have discussed their work; the women would not have assembled to take a sweeping view of world fields; the Education Society would not have presented its urgent appeals. These are auxiliary and because of our interest in all these objects and for the

sake of economy, all these phases of the Lord's work are presented. But that for which we are here is, the Convention work.

There are people, who, having made their deposit in a bank, feel such confidence in the official management, that they think no more of their money. But the Churches which have sent you as delegates to this body are not of this character. They expect that you will look after their investments; inquire into methods of operation; if necessary make kindly criticism and suggestion as to the work. They look to you to bring back to them an accurate report of things said and done.

And what word shall you take to them? Tell them, first, that aided by them, five nationalities have heard in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. Americans, Swedes, Germans, French, and Italians. How earnestly we have desired to preach the Gospel to foreign peoples. Through the work of the Convention this desire is gratified.

Tell them also that twenty-five men have been assisted in carrying on the work of Christ in needy fields. Most of them have toiled among the country towns, where Churches might be closed but for assistance rendered. Sometimes the query is sadly made concerning this and that Church, must it not be closed? The Convention answers, not yet, not yet. While a stream of life is flowing toward our cities, the head waters must be, if possible purified by the sacred influence of Christianity.

Tell them also that through their assistance, 134 persons have put on Christ in baptism. They have passed from death into life. Should any one say, is not the sum of \$4,000 a large sum for such small results, remind them that on the confines of Turkey, a woman in Christ's service is in peril. It is said on all sides, if necessary the ransom of \$110,000 must be paid. \$110,000 for deliverance from physical death at the hands of those who having killed the body have nothing more that they can do. And shall we say that an average price of \$30 each is too large aid in the work of rescuing a soul from the eternal consequences of sin? I think in this view of the case few Churches will complain, especially in view of their own offerings for the work.

By Rev. S. G. Hastings, of Montville.

Protest is sometimes raised against making any such arbitrary and artificial division of the work of Christian missions as we seem to sanction when we speak of state missions, home missions, foreign missions; and in support of this protest appeal is made to the truth that the command under which Christian missions are undertaken is the same for all, near or far; the inspiration for service the same in every case; the power upon which we rely for success always the same. It is true in a way that the Kingdom of God is not subject to division. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male and female" in the kingdom of God (*Gal. 3:28*.) Yet we have the authority of the example and word of Jesus, as well as of the Apostle Paul, for the

practice of just such an opportunism as that which induces us to carry on the work of state missions as we are doing. Jesus declared that he was not sent, save unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel (*Matt. 15: 24.*) This did not mean that he was unaware of the world-wide significance of his character and work. It did not mean that he did not know that in the days to come other sheep than those of the Jewish fold would be brought and become part of His great flock. It meant only that, according to his interpretation of the conditions under which he found himself placed, it was wise for him to confine his activity within Jewish limits. So also Paul, though he declared there is neither Jew nor Greek, nevertheless assures us in another place that, while Peter was especially recognized as an Apostle to the Circumcision, he was himself at the same time given recognition as an Apostle of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. It will thus be seen that both Jesus and Paul, in consideration of their opportunity for service, recognized divisions which were not fundamental, thus distinctly placing themselves among those for whom opportunity determines duty. This is no more or less than we are doing in maintaining our organization for special state missionary activity. In no other way can we so well "buy up the opportunity" to inspire one another to love and good works; in no way can we so well be of help to struggling Church interests; as by maintaining our Convention organization. Surely there can be no well-grounded protest against either the name or work of state missions, while it remains historically true that many of the Baptist Churches of Connecticut that are today strong and flourishing could hardly have survived the perils and weakness of their infancy, had it not been for the wise counsels and timely financial aid of this Convention. Nor was there ever a day in the history of this Convention when the opportunity for usefulness along the lines of its proper work was greater than at the present time. There is always demand for wise counsels, but the promise of a harvest was never better. We should stand by our State Convention. This organization is opportune; its opportunity is magnificent.

By Rev. E. E. Gates of Noank.

THE NEEDS OF THE LITTLE CHURCH.

Having so recently come among you I am not qualified either to criticise or commend your attitude toward the smaller Churches. All that may be said will be drawn from experience and observation elsewhere. The needs of the small Church are much the same all over the land. Local circumstances color local conditions. These conditions should be met, and unto their weakness we should minister. The warning of the Spirit to the Church in Sardis is applicable no doubt to present day Churches and state conventions. "Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die; I have not found thy works perfect before God." In many rural districts there are Churches who

flourished in days of yore, whose work is not yet finished; Churches which have need. For such Churches I wish to speak a word today. On such a subject I cannot hope to say anything new, but shall attempt simply to stir your pure minds by way of remembrance.

The strong tie that binds all Churches together, that "blest tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," should be a sufficient argument for the strong to help the weak. There is another relationship which adds to our duty. Many city Churches count among their best members men and women who have come from the country Church. It is the old story, (the very mention of which puts one in the position of uttering platitudes,) the tendency of this age for the youth to leave the farm and rural village to seek his fortune in the numerous opportunities that the city supplies. This tendency has succeeded in enriching the larger Churches at the expense of the smaller. It is advantageous that the influence of Christian teaching, and the wholesome habit of Church going, be impressed upon the mind of the growing youth, that when the city temptations surround him he will have Christian manhood enough to stand for the principles that he learned out in the little Church. As the Little Church is a tributary adding to the volume of the large Church surely her need is your business.

Through this continual drain and the nature of the environment these Churches lack the enthusiasm and encouragement of numbers. Go, ye men of the large Church, into your prayer meeting some dark, stormy night, look into the faces of the faithful few who have braved the storm to come to the meeting, and then think of your brother out in a small Church who preaches Sunday after Sunday to no larger a congregation, and then question, has he and his Church any need? They need encouragement and sympathy. The man who went from Jerusalem down into Jericho and fell among thieves, was a man in need. The priest, the unsympathetic Church of our own time, saw him, but passed by on the other side. A Levite—perhaps one might name him Ethical Culture—looked on him, and passed by on the other side. "But a certain Samaritan"—a sympathetic Church—"as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him he had compassion on him and went and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to the inn and took care of him. On the morrow when he departed gave two pence." The Little Church has fallen among thieves or circumstances that impoverish them in members and in money. Shall we pass by on the other side? The Christian condemns such action as contrary to his teaching. Rather shall we not as the Samaritan have compassion and give assistance? Pour in the oil of sympathy. One way in which we can encourage the smaller Church is by the oil of recognition. In associational gatherings and annual conventions give place occasionally on the program to some of the uncrowned heroes of the Church. From the quiet fields of the country Church can be brought many a flower that has been shedding its sweetness in a limited sphere, that in many cases would leave a frag-

rance that would follow all for many days. True the pastor has been given the privilege of reading a scripture lesson, leading in prayer, or even conducting a sunrise prayer meeting. A little further recognition would add to his courage and give him additional standing in his own Church and community. He has by the very nature of the case more time to digest his reading, and to put it in form for public utterance. Pour in the oil of a judicious recognition. Pour in the wine of a true fraternity—the Christ-like Spirit of a brotherly love. As the wine is exhilarating, so the spirit of fraternity will help to lift up the hope of the smaller Church. I am pleased to note that such a spirit is manifested in this convention. But oil and wine was not the sum total of the gifts of the Samaritan. He ministered to all the needs of the unfortunate wounded man. He went down into his pocket and gave money. The little Church needs money, and the spirit of sympathy and fraternity is weak indeed that prompts only kind words and friendly spirit—the proof of it all is paying the price. If we take the Samaritan as our model, we shall surely receive the commendation of Jesus Christ.

As far as I know the duty of your convention it is, partially at least, to follow the example set us by the Patriarch Isaac. "Isaac came into the valley of Gerar and dwelt there. And Isaac digged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham." Whatever other duties are within your province surely the digging of the old wells—the strengthening of the Churches, that the present day tendency has almost closed, is one of them. 'The flocks of this generation in rural districts have need of water. The Church is God's appointed well through which the youth can approach and drink of the water of life. Statistics show the importance of early conversion, as the number who become Christian after the age of thirty is small indeed. Shall those who will inevitably drift into our cities and towns come thirsty? If they do they are in danger of attempting to slake that thirst at the fountains of pleasure and gayety, and become lost to the Church. If only from a selfish motive the city Church should give to the needy Church. It is a clear case of "casting bread upon the water and finding it after many days."

It is not impossible, or always impracticable to dig again the old wells. Your speaker knows of a Church that was practically dead. No letters came from it to associational meetings—it was given up as hopeless. One day an energetic young man went to that Church, and by his efforts coupled with aid from the State Convention, the dead was raised, and she stands in that community today doing good work for the Master.

One word should be said to the little Church; that is, the little Church in many instances, needs the missionary spirit. The doom of any Church, large or small, city or country, is sounded the moment that indifference to the world-wide mission of Jesus Christ is manifested. Her sun rapidly sinks toward the sunset hour when the missionary spirit

departs from her members. Remember that the light that shineth farther out into the darkness is brightest at home. "There is that which scattereth and yet increaseth. There is that which withholdeth more than is mete and it tendeth to poverty."

A word on the sentimental side of this question. Many of these little Churches are the mothers of some of the larger ones. The tie of sentiment should cause us to care for them. This fact and the thought that some of these Churches are dying through poverty brings to mind Will Carleton's "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse." Not one of us here today, who have in memory the tender recollection of a good mother — the one who watched our infant years; the one who cared for and ministered unto us when we were helpless and needy, but condemns the thoughtless, indifferent children who allowed the old mother to go over the hill to the poorhouse. We all admire, and are grateful to the son who brought back the mother "Over the Hill From the Poorhouse."

The mother Church needs her child's arm to lean upon; its sympathy to lighten the passing days; its friendliness to encourage her to continue her work until the day of life is done. For the Little Churches — old or young — I ask your sympathy, encouragement, love, and the helping hand. Methinks the Master will be pleased, and from his lips will fall the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Rev. J. D. Herr thought that the fact that only five pastors have been in the state over ten years, shows the reason that the Convention needs to be talked up. The pastors do not present to their people the work and needs of the Convention as often as they should. We, as pastors, ought to bring the young laymen to the Convention, that they might understand and become interested in the work.

Rev. P. De Carlo spoke of the eight years he had been working for Christ. The cry from every part of our country now is, "God save our land!" But there is nothing that can save it except the power of Jesus. With the incoming of so many Italians, there is great need of increasing the work done for them. Holding up a flag in one hand and a Bible in the other, he declared that it was only as men enlisted under these two flags, that they can work for the salvation of the country.

Rev. John Friborg showed the importance of having mission churches in which the foreigners can hear the message in their own tongue. It is when the man first comes to this land, lonely and a stranger, he can be helped as it is

not possible later on; but the Americans cannot do this. The work among the Swedes pays well; twenty-five churches have been aided, five of these were Swedish churches; one hundred and thirty-four have been baptized the past year in these churches, but seventy-five of these were in the five Swedish churches.

The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. C. A. Piddock, asked the workers in the foreign churches in this state to come to the platform. Nine of these workers were present, and came forward and were introduced to the people in a few words, showing the place in which they were working, and the kind of work they were doing.

After this Rev. C. A. Piddock stated that there must be a chapel for the Italians in New Haven; the cost would be \$5,000. The people of New Haven expect to raise most of this, but they wish the Convention to furnish \$1,000; and at this point pledges were received amounting to \$349.00.

Dea. Geo. Morse,	\$100.00	Rev. S. G. Hastings,	\$3.00
Hon. J. L. Howard,	100.00	Rev. A. C. Hubbard (paid),	1.00
Rev. J. R. Very,	25.00	Cash (paid),	1.00
Rev. C. A. Piddock,	25.00	Cash (paid),	1.00
Mrs. Russell Hall,	25.00	Cash (paid),	1.00
W. C. Twiss,	25.00	A. J. Shipley,	10.00
Carnot O. Spencer,	25.00	H. A. Weaver,	5.00
Cash (paid),	2.00		

As chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees, Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson presented the report.

Voted, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to deposit the ballot for these officers, and upon his doing so they were declared elected.

Rev. Frank Dixon presented the report of the special committee appointed to consider the suggestions presented in the opening address of the President this morning.

Your special committee appointed to consider the recommendations of President Spencer's opening address beg leave to submit the following report:

Such suggestions of President Spencer as touch matters already within the province of the Executive Committee of the Convention, we have felt it unnecessary to consider. The following recommendations, however, we urge:

1. That a periodical, under the supervision of the Board, be issued for the purpose of informing the Baptists of Connecticut of the needs and opportunities of missionary work within the state; said periodical to be sustained by individual subscription, and any deficiency to be met from the treasury of the Convention.

2. That the wisdom of securing an endowment for the official work of the Convention be laid by the pastors upon the hearts of their people.

For the Committee,

FRANK DIXON.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

Rev. Henry Clarke presented the report of the Committee on the State of Religion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

This Committee has no figures or statistics to present in this report. There is purpose in the omission. The statistics of our Churches from year to year do not vary sufficiently to be of great significance in a report of this kind. A few leaves more or less on a tree this year, as compared with last, argue nothing. A tree never has the same number in two successive years. It may be as much alive with 500,000 leaves as with 500,100. A greater question than the number of leaves is what is taking place in the roots and veins. The effort of this Committee has not been to count the leaves, but to discover the condition of life. In order to find out where we stand in our religious life, it has been thought best to compare the life and work of the Church of today with that of the past, and then to make comparison with that which ought to prevail.

The state of religion in the Churches of today compares favorably with that of other days. There never was a time in the history of the Church when it has displayed so much activity in bringing blessing to men. There never was a time when the average Christian gave as much time and labor to Christian work. With some, all day Sunday and nearly every night in the week are given to the distinct work of laboring for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. There never was a time when so much money was given for the diffusion of the gospel, as the time in which we live. The activity of the Church reaches out in directions which, in former days, were undiscovered fields for Christian service. All the different forms of Christian philanthropy are evidences that the Church is grappling in a most virile fashion with the great problem of sin and suffering. The Church is outgrowing the idea that God loves suffering and death. It is ceasing to credit to God's account every evil thing that comes to men, and is fighting, as never before, some of the things that Christ fought. It is said with all reverence, and with not the slightest attempt to minimize the importance of soul saving, that the Church is coming to realize that the gospel is meant to do more for

men than to win their souls for heaven. The work of the Church cannot be measured by the number of souls won. When Christ sent out His disciples, He gave them a very broad commission. They were to heal the sick, and to cast out devils; and the implication is very plain that they were to do good in whatever form the opportunity for good presented itself. We are not behind others in placing emphasis upon the great work of bringing men to repent of sin and exercise faith in the Redeemer. But we deplore the tendency to consider the Church a failure if it does not succeed constantly in bringing this to pass. There is a blessed gospel of helpfulness to those who are in the kingdom. There is also a gospel of helpfulness to those who are not in the kingdom, even if the Church does not succeed in winning them as kingdom subjects. Christ's last commission is a very broad one. The disciples were to teach men to observe *whatsoever* He commanded. That "whatsoever" includes much. There is wrapped up in it a gospel of helpfulness to the believer as well as to the unbeliever. The Church that succeeds in building up stable Christian character is not a failure, even though few enter the baptistry. We believe that the Church has never before seen a time when so much activity has been displayed along so many legitimate lines of Christian labor. The cry for the simplicity of the fathers is in harmony with the human longing for things to be different from what they are. The term "old-fashioned religion" is not a Christian term. It implies that we are longing for a religion that fitted the past, but does not fit the present. The sun's light is old, but it is never old fashioned. It is suited to our day as well as to the day which it made bright for Adam in Eden. Our longing should be for the old religion of Peter and Paul, manifesting itself in ways that are best fitted to save and uplift men of our own day. We do not want the simplicity of bygone days. The cry for it is a chronic moan. We do not want to let our organs go, and have in their place the drone of the bass viol. We do not want to let our hearty and continuous hymn singing go, and substitute for it the lining out of hymns. We do not want our pointed, concise sermons to go, and have in their place discourses one or two hours long, crammed full of theology, much of which few now believe to be reasonable. Your Committee is not sure that a comparison with the state of religion in the past would justify them in reporting that we are at much lower ebb than ever before. There are not as many solemn faces, perhaps, as in the days that are gone. People are not as much afraid that they will meet pitchforks and brimstone in the hereafter. But does it not betoken deeper spirituality to believe that the awfulness of the state of the lost consists in alienation from God and every holy influence? We find that, in spite of all worldliness in the Church, there is a mighty body of praying people who hail with joy the entrance of souls into the kingdom of God and who are made glad by every successful effort to alleviate the hard lot of men and to develop soul life. Viewed in the light of the broad mission of the Church, we are not sure that this is not the golden age of religious activity.

The state of religion in our Churches, however, is far from ideal.

We mention first, among the things to be deplored, an un-Christlike spirit of worldliness on the part of many. This is no novelty. The Church has never been free from it. It has manifested itself in different ways at different periods of the history of the Church, but the spirit of worldliness has been always essentially the same. The first record on the books of one of the old Churches in this state tells us that a legally warned meeting was called to determine whether frolicing, such as fiddling and dancing, was consistent for Church members, or whether it was consistent for heads of families to suffer their children to go to such frolicing. The Church voted in the negative, and then proceeded to discipline two brethren who had not restrained their children from attending such a "sinful and carnal frolic." Fiddling and dancing were not allowed as pastimes for Christian people in those days, but the cask of rum and the free use of it were not thought un-Christian for either minister or people. We draw the line at the rum, but find that we fail when we attempt to draw the line at fiddling and dancing. We are not prepared, however, to dispute the contention that there may be more varied manifestations of the worldly spirit than in the old days. If the contention holds good, it is largely due to the greater emphasis that is placed on free moral agency. There are fewer things for the Church to settle for the individual, and more are left for the individual to settle between himself and God. We teach now that men can be consistent or inconsistent, saved or lost, according to their own volition. There are no terrors of civil or Church law to compel the observance of Church beliefs. We sadly confess to a great amount of worldliness in the Church. But it will be increasingly difficult to find other remedy than the training of the individual to accept the lofty standard of the life of Jesus, and the education of the individual conscience to execute the commands which this standard promulgates.

We also find that injury to the Church is resulting from the tendency to regard the Church as a business organization. Jesus Christ never meant to antagonize the business spirit. Many of His parables, and especially that of the careful steward, show this. But the question that arises in our minds is whether there is not a very common tendency to forget that the Holy Spirit must be a partner in every matter, small or great, pertaining to the kingdom. At a Church meeting in another state, one of the leading men in the Church, when the question was being agitated how to dispose of a minister who was not pleasing to some, said that the way to do was to discharge him as he in his home was wont to discharge his hired girl when she did not suit him. We are glad to believe that this brother did not represent the feeling of the Church at large. And yet we are led to feel that, in this business age of ours, there has come to be a feeling that organization may be effective even though there is not constant and complete reliance upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There was never such magnificent organization in the Church as now. Ezekiel had a dream of wheels within wheels, but we have the realization. And we are inclined to believe that much of this

has come to pass with the approval of God. God is the greatest organizer and the mightiest creator of systems. But organizations that are born in prayer and baptized with consecration often lose power. This loss of power is due to one of two reasons. The organization may have served its day, and hence must die. But often enough the loss of power is due to the fact that we forget that all organizations in the Church must be only speaking tubes for the Holy Spirit. That we are powerless compared with the ideal of power, we must confess. It is well for us to consider how much of it is due to forgetfulness that we are living in the age of the Spirit. It is too often true that a prayer-meeting may be finished with little suggestion that there is a Spirit of God on whom the Church must rely. We deplore, as a very serious calamity, the fact that there is not more general and more complete dependence on the Spirit of God, for courage to undertake and strength to perform.

We would also mention, as a cause for humility, the failure to realize the value of the unsaved soul. There has been an increasing realization of the value of souls in the kingdom, so that larger effort has been constantly made for the development of soul life. Our age is one which abounds in beautiful character. The large majority of sermons that bear directly on the individual life are directed toward the production of the Christlike in the life of the believer. For this realization of the importance of character, let praise and glory be given unto God. But we find that the appraisement of the soul out of the kingdom is lower than the New Testament estimate of its value. Consequently there is less effort for the redemption of the unsaved. It seems to be increasingly difficult for our Churches to induce the unsaved to attend their services. It is a question worthy of attention whether this is due to the fact that there can be no attraction for the unsaved soul to places where unsaved souls are undervalued. Is it true that, while the Church is guarding most tenderly and lovingly the sheep that are in the fold, feeding them with the best food, and keeping their fleece as white as possible, the wandering sheep of which the Master spoke has not the same value in the thought of the Church that it had in the thought of the good Shepherd?

We must take a moment to mention also another reason why the Church is not occupying a higher plane. This reason is the lack of general familiarity with the Bible. There are many causes for this lack. There has been an immense increase of literature, so that the Bible is no longer one of a very few books in the home. The child does not need to find story entertainment solely in reading the accounts of the Old Testament heroes, and the events in the lives of Christ and the disciples. Perhaps also some blame may be attached to the ministry, for the comparatively small amount of expository preaching. Perhaps the lesson leaflet in the Sunday school with its printed question and answer, have not been full equivalent for the mining of the pages of the Bible for its language and its truth. Whatever the causes may have been for this unfamiliarity, we do not hesitate to declare that it has much to do with the failure of the Church to climb higher toward complete efficiency.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity of making the Bible *the book* in practice as well as in theory.

There are other things that might have been said in this report and that will occur to the minds of those who listen to its reading. But we have sought to present to you the bright and the dark side of the life and activity of our Churches, and the principal causes for them both. We submit our report with an increased realization that the Church is God's mighty agency for the evangelization of the world, and with increased love and loyalty for Him who invested it with power and who is ever seeking to bestow upon it the widest vision, the noblest ambition, and the greatest strength.

For the Committee,

HENRY CLARKE, *Chairman.*

Voted, That the report be adopted.

An offering was received, amounting to \$16.76.

Rev. W. H. Hubbard presented the report of the Committee on Bible School Work.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Bible Schools beg leave to again emphasize the work they represent. While every function of the Church, and every department of Christian activity is important, there are, we believe, few functions or departments more important than the Bible school. In any fair reckoning of forces by which Christianity has been preserved, and the world helped Godward, there must be recognition of the force flowing from the Bible school.

Importance is a relative condition. Time and circumstances may lay the emphasis of importance at different places. The ever-growing worldliness in the homes, the evident disregard of religious instruction in the public schools, the multiplied and ever-increasing attractions of the world to the youthful mind, seem to make the Bible school today essential to the success of the Church, to social purity, and to the perpetuity of Christian civilization.

It has been said that the civilization of the future needs a type of character in which reverence is the preponderating element. This must be secured in childhood if at all—and where? Walter Herve, president of the Teachers' College of New York, declares that "of the three institutions having charge of the training of children, only one seems to be in shape for any efficient action in religious education. The secular school, for the time being, is seriously handicapped in the matter of religious instruction, and the American home seems to be too occupied in adjusting itself to a complex environment, to be effective as an educative force of any kind. Existing conditions force upon the Church the chief burden in this matter, and the Church is laying it upon the Bible school."

We declare our persuasion that the Bible school is, indeed, one of the most important functions of the Church as a formative agency in Christian culture. The work of the B. Y. P. U. is of incalculable importance, but its work is modified by elements of character wrought into its members while in the Bible school. The character of the Church members is largely the result of Bible school impressions. It is difficult in churches by preaching to eradicate impressions made in the Bible school by teaching. Teaching, more than preaching, is the formative element in life today.

At the foundation of the solution of the problems of the Convention is the solution of the problems of the Bible school. The state evangelization that secures political safety must begin in the Bible school. If success among our foreign population is to be commensurate with its importance and worth, the time, talent, and money invested, it must lay its foundations in the Bible school. If apathy in state missions is to give place to sympathetic interestedness the Convention must use the Bible school to train up future constituents in the essentials of doctrine and character which make for interest in its work. If the Convention is to ever realize the possibilities of its functions, and the scope of its mission, it must give attention to the Bible school.

Personally your chairman does not believe any topic to be discussed by this Convention during its present conference to be more deserving of time for proper and full consideration, or will more materially effect the success of the Convention, and of the Churches which it serves. Therefore your Committee would—

First. Express its appreciation of the efforts made to secure expressions from the pastors of the state as to their personal interest in Bible school work, and would urge the recommendation of your Committee of 1900, and that the suggestion of the president of the Convention be recognized and that a place be given to Bible school work in the deliberations of the body, commensurate with its importance.

Second. That not less than one hour be set apart for the consideration of this work on the Tuesday evening of each annual meeting.

Third. We would urge upon the Churches to recognize the real nature and place of the Bible school. If it be a parasite it should be killed. If it be a child, or a legitimate department of Church work, it should receive the warmest sympathy and the heartiest support.

Fourth. We mention the value of the Bible school as an evangelizing agency. The central purpose of its existence is evangelism. To make disciples must come before the training of disciples. Great are the opportunities of the Bible school for winning lives for Jesus. Every advantage in personal characteristics and agencies favorable to early conversion are found in the Bible school.

Fifth. We further recommend that the Bible School Committee be instructed to secure the data necessary to an intelligent consideration of this department of Christian work; to seek to secure denominational cooperation in the state on Bible school work; and to confer with the

committee on arrangements for the next session of the Convention to the end that proper consideration be given to this work in our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HUBBARD,
G. W. BARNES,
F. J. PARRY,
R. MAPLESDEN,
E. SANDERSON.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

Rev. P. S. Evans presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Convention has heard with great solicitude of the serious illness of Hon. Francis Wayland, for ten years the president of the Convention, and for so many years its devoted friend.

Resolved, That we extend our warmest sympathy to our Brother Wayland and assure him of our ardent desires and prayers for his speedy recovery, and that for his own sake, for his work's sake, for his family's sake, and for the denomination's sake, his life may be prolonged for many years.

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to convey these resolutions to our Brother Wayland.

After very feeling remarks by President Spencer, Rev. W. D. McKinney, and others, the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Rev. H. L. Dietz offered prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Convention re-assembled at 7.30 P. M. President Spencer in the chair.

Rev. W. D. McKinney led in prayer.

Singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Deacon Rush P. Chapman spoke of "State Evangelization Necessary to Political Safety."

CHRISTIAN EVANGELIZATION NECESSARY TO POLITICAL SAFETY.

When this theme was first suggested to me by Mr. Piddock, perhaps no right-minded person in the world had a thought that within a

few days the President of this republic would be stricken down by the hand of an assassin; but again the unexpected has happened, and today it is President Roosevelt instead of President McKinley. At some periods of the world's history, and in some countries, such an event would have thrown the affairs of Government into confusion and seriously affected the safety of life and property throughout the whole country. That such a result did not occur in our own country is because we have, both in the state and national governments, a large majority of men of Christian character and ability, and in the common walks of life a great reserve force of men and women who stand for law and order and good morals.

But what shall be said of the miserable misguided man who fired the shot that did the deadly work? A thousand questions present themselves. What of his mother? What of his childhood? What of his maturer years? Was he a child of many prayers? Had he the fear of God before his eyes?

We can scarcely believe that such can have been the fact; and if we ask whether the love of Christ in his heart would have prevented such direful consequences, we cannot resist the conclusion that it would.

That the presence of men in our community with such temper is a menace to the state goes without saying; but we must at the same time remember that the danger proceeds not only from the lips and pens and lives of extreme anarchists, but is manifested down through every succeeding gradation of crime to the farthest attenuation of wrong doing; from men in place and power who use their high offices solely for the attainment of selfish ends, down through the newspapers, yellow and otherwise; down through the ranks of small politicians who work for "what there is in it"; down through the saloons whose proprietors are willing to barter their souls and the souls of their deluded patrons for base gain; down through the vast multitudes of patrons who from lust of appetite are willing to bring their wives and children to beggary; on through the ranks of respectable business men who for dollars and cents neglect every call of patriotism, and think only of what the muck rake of business or pleasure may bring within their reach.

Such are the ramifications of evil which, manifested in grossest form, has just deprived us of our illustrious chief magistrate and under more refined conditions is destroying thousands of lives annually and filling our land with weeping.

This being granted whither shall we look for help? Where is the Church militant? Is she still militant, or does she lie sick and wounded in the stronghold of the enemy.

It is not my purpose to bring any accusations against the Church. With all her failings she is still the Lord's anointed, and destined hereafter to be presented to Him as a chaste virgin, decked in her beautiful garments and prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. In the meantime it is to be feared, that in her capacity as a steward she has not been wholly faithful. This at least is the report that is abroad.

The following facts are thought by many to prove this manifested weakness of the Christian Church:

1. A general decline in Church attendance.
2. Diminishing numbers at prayer meetings, resulting in their suspension in many Churches, particularly in the rural districts.
3. Absence of revivals.
4. Few conversions.
5. Poverty of individual Christian experience.

So far as my observation extends there is much of truth in the allegations.

Church going has declined. In 1889 and 1890 the Evangelical Alliance carefully investigated the condition of a large number of rural communities in the state of New York. Five counties were explored, two in the central part of the state and one in each of the lobes, northern, southern, and western.

The tabulated results showed an appalling decline in the religious conditions of the communities. The percentage of Church attendance was small. Many Church buildings had been abandoned or turned to other uses. In many villages there were twice as many Churches as were needed, all struggling, and in places no religious services were maintained.

From investigations made in New England and other states it appears that similar conditions prevail.

This condition of things results in part from a great world movement which has been in progress for 50 years past, by which the country towns are being constantly denuded of their most thrifty and enterprising inhabitants by their removal to the cities. Commenting upon this Dr. Strong says: "If this migration continues, and no preventive measures are devised I see no reason why isolation, irreligion, ignorance, vice, and degradation should not increase in the country until we have a rural American peasantry, illiterate and immoral, possessing the rights of citizenship, but utterly incapable of performing or comprehending its duties."

Whether this migratory movement from country to city is temporary or permanent, time alone can determine. It is fair to presume however that it has come to stay, and that the tide will flow backward only when it shall be financially profitable for large numbers to return to the soil as a means of subsistence. In the meantime the tendency noticed is practically universal. It extends over the British Isles, Continental Europe, and throughout Asia even to the far away Orient.

A powerful force entering into the problem is one old as civilization itself, viz.: the fact that man is a social animal. It may, therefore, be fairly concluded that whenever in the course of human progress it shall become possible for our rural communities to come into closer touch with one another by means of quick and cheap transit the solution of the problem will be simplified.

It might at first seem as though the decline in Church going would

be confined in the main to rural communities; but such is not the fact, as it appears from observation that nearly or quite as large a percentage of Church members in the country attend as in the city.

Turning from the country to the city we are confronted with the fact that during the last one hundred years, and particularly during the last half century, a condition of things, which is the converse of the country problem, has been growing more and more acute.

The cities have retained the population which they had at the beginning of the 19th century, and that population has continued to increase in geometrical ratio. To this has constantly been added the influx from the surrounding country, while into it all has constantly flowed that never ceasing stream of foreign blood, much of which has been tinged with the dark stains of ignorance, superstition, irreligion, and, of late, anarchy. Such conditions as these have rendered the problem of the city an even more pressing one than that of the country. An open sewer is to a certain degree rendered harmless by contact with light and air, while if confined, it gives rise to nauseating odors and poisonous gases. So it is with ignorant people massed in crowded areas. Such areas become the breeding places of every foul influence and crime.

A writer of more than a generation ago said that the city was "the most difficult and perplexing problem of modern times." If so then, how much more so today? One of the new and perplexing problems of the city is the "Boss." He rules for selfish ends invariably, and under his rule vice and corruption thrive while taxation and municipal debts increase in fabulous ratios. As illustrating this point it is said that the following figures are true as applied to fifteen of the largest cities of the United States from 1860 to 1875. During that time there has been: Increase in population 71 per cent. Increase in taxable value 157 per cent. Increase in debt 271 per cent. Increase in taxation 363 per cent.

While this condition of things has been going on the proportionate number of Christians in our cities has been steadily declining. This will be apparent from the following table. The decline as compared with the population in 50 of our leading cities up to 1890 was as follows:

1840, one communicant to 13 inhabitants; 1850, one communicant to 15 inhabitants; 1860, one communicant to 17 inhabitants; 1870, one communicant to 19 inhabitants; 1880, one communicant to 18 inhabitants; 1890, one communicant to 20 inhabitants.

One of the great and most urgent of the economic problems of the city is to render it capable of self-government. Thus far city government is largely a failure. Keep in mind also the fact that the cities with their present rate of growth will soon dominate the whole country! Therefore, if they are misgoverned and incapable of self-government, it is self-evident that the country, as a whole, will be misgoverned, and if a remedy is not found ere that, Ichabod will be written upon our walls and the glory and usefulness of our nation will have departed.

In our own state of Connecticut there is a great and growing number of Sabbath desecrators, and of the irreligious and non-churchgoers,

the total being far in excess of a generation ago. Now while we must admit that these things are so, we must also admit that the Church has not been able to meet and turn back the oncoming hosts of irreligion and indifference, and we have been compelled to witness how like an army of invaders they have come up to camp upon our fields, to sit in our houses, and often to sneer at our half-filled Churches.

Have we then been falling back before the enemy these last few years? Is our Sheridan still 20 miles away? If so are we to look for some great leader who shall marshal the soldiers of the cross, and lead on to victory, or may we expect that through the more ordinary channels deliverance is to arise for this people?

In answer to the above, which is in reality the main question put in different form, I trust I may not be regarded a prophet of evil in what I have to say further upon our subject.

I believe it is possible for the Christian people of this state to arrest and hold in check for a time, at least, the great forces of popular discontent and irreligion which now threaten the Church and the state. I doubt whether much can be accomplished by following the stereotyped methods which have been in vogue with us during the last generation or two. The old methods answered very well in their day and time, but the conditions of the present seem to demand a different treatment. It is said, and it appears to be true, that most of the men in our Churches are of the well-to-do class, largely the employer class. The great outside un-churched multitude have, therefore, come to believe that this small minority in the Churches is their natural enemy. This is to some extent the secret of the large falling off in Church attendance. I do not believe that these people can be reached by fine sermons, in elegant Churches, assisted by paid choirs dispensing classical music.

Some method must be sought which will bring the preacher into closer touch with these people than is possible in the old way.

If a life insurance agent desires to secure policies of insurance upon the lives of any number of people he makes it his business to see them personally, and urges upon them the merits of his wares with a force of argument that is well nigh irresistible. He does not address a hundred of them at a time, he devotes all his energies to them severally, one at a time. I verily believe that this is the method, humanly speaking, by which the so-called masses are to be reached. Two words will express my meaning, namely, personal contact. "He first findeth his own brother." "Philip findeth Nathanael." This has been, and is, the effective means by which all great causes have been carried forward to successful issue.

It is true that great popular movements have from time to time been inaugurated which seemed to sweep humanity as by an avalanche, but when these movements are analyzed and traced to their beginnings it will generally be found that they had their origin in the simple method of heart to heart contact.

Another important factor entering into this problem is Reverence,

or rather the lack of it. It manifests itself in the breaking down of parental authority. Parents no longer command, they request and permit.

Children are left to choose whether they will attend Church or not. They mostly choose not to. Children thus trained grow up to swell the ever increasing army of non-churchgoers. This is evidenced by the fact that when you go into almost any Sunday morning service you will find it composed of ninety per cent. adults, and ten per cent. children. When the Amen is said and you repair to the Sunday school room you will find it composed of ten per cent. adults and ninety per cent. children. When I see such a sight as this I am ready to inquire who did sin, these children or their parents, that they did not attend morning service.

Under such training how can Christians expect that their children will grow up to be every day and every Sunday Christians.

Thus we see that lack of reverence for parents, and the consequent weakening of parental authority results in lack of reverence for religious things. Reverence being wanting in these two directions naturally tends toward contempt for established authority as well as rebellion against the Supreme Ruler, and it is not surprising if Atheism follows closely in the wake of such conditions.

Much more might be said along these lines, but I refrain from further comment as the facts are patent to every careful observer.

That the remedy lies in the Christianizing of our communities both urban and rural can scarcely be questioned. That the accomplishment of this is the unsolved problem of the Church is only too apparent. We have already stated, and now repeat, that under God and by His help personal contact of man with man seems the only available method of dealing with the question in hand.

Nearly all of us plead that we are too busy to attend to the Lord's work in this way, and if done at all by us we feel that it must be done by proxy.

As indicating how this work may be begun let me tell you how five men have set out to do a little personal work. The five met in a private parlor and talked long and earnestly upon methods of Christian work. They kneeled and asked for Heavenly guidance and help. They then agreed upon five persons for whom they were to pray and work until the next meeting a month later. During this month all these persons were to be seen by each of the five, meantime prayers to be offered daily for each by name. At the end of a month they meet again and report progress. The plan is, that after a time this group is to break up and each one of the five to become the center of another group of five, thus bringing twenty-five workers into this particular sphere of activity. It is very clear that their plan is capable of many variations, and if carried on with a proper spirit may prove the means of accomplishing great results.

After all that we have been saying it will be well for us to remember that so far as can be understood from the prophetic scrolls God's

plan is not to gather the world into the Church but during this present Gospel age to gather a Church out from the world. This Gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached to all nations for a witness, and then shall the end of the age come.

While we are not to slacken our efforts for the betterment of social and civic conditions, we are also to remember that the greatest of all teachers said as he looked forward to this closing period of the Gospel age, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith upon the earth?"

As we study these great problems, which are certainly pressing ones, and as we enter into the work of righting earth's great wrongs, our pathway always hedged about with peradventures, we will cherish the faith of the Samaritan woman — "When Messiah cometh he shall tell us all things." And this coming is or should be the hope of the Church.

"What thou knowest not now thou shalt know hereafter."

"The Success of State Work Among Foreign Population an Incentive to Greater Effort," was the topic of Rev. P. S. Evans's address.

America has been peopled by foreigners from the beginning. England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Holland, and France, settled our continent. After the thirteen colonies won their independence, these races were soon merged into one nationality, and developed a national life of their own. Immigration continued with varying strength through all the years between the War of the Revolution and our great Civil War. While many of these immigrants stayed on the Atlantic coast the great majority of them went into the Western territories and peopled the states and made possible the wonderful development of our country. We owe much to the foreign population.

As it concerns our own state the first great immigration was of the people from Ireland. These were ardent, devoted Romanists. No special effort was made to turn them to Protestantism. It was reckoned at first an almost hopeless task. Although we supported missions among the Romanists in Europe, we made no attempt to propagate our faith among these people at our own doors. Perhaps we hoped to reach them by personal, unassociated effort. They could attend our services if they would. They could talk our language, though with a brogue. They could, at least, understand us if we preached to them the saving gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps we thought that in the freer air of this country, with the advantages of the public school and a free press, surrounded by Protestant churches, Romanism itself would be essentially modified; would slough off some of its worst abuses, and would emphasize more strongly than in other lands, those fundamental Christian doctrines which the Church still holds in common with all other Christian Churches.

But these hopes have been disappointed. Romanism has proved that it cannot change. Its own doctrine of infallibility, its doctrine that the voice of the Church is of equal, and, as between the two, of greater authority than the voice of Scripture—these absolutely forbid it to change. We are not blind to the good it has done. The Church has been a great moral police force among its hundreds of thousands of communicants. It has, however, managed to keep its people in ecclesiastical bondage. It has counteracted the influence of our free schools, by educating its own children in loyalty to itself. In many of our cities and towns it is true today that the property of the Romanist Churches exceeds in value that of all the Protestant Churches, and the attendance at their services outnumbers that of all other Churches combined. Who will say that if a true gospel mission had been undertaken among these people, similar in its spirit and aims to the McAll mission in France, all this might not have been changed? We have lost our opportunity. The only hope that is left us is that a religious reformation will arise among themselves. Our hope is that the work which McGlynn, and Walsh, and Father Cheney undertook, and failed in, will be again taken up and carried to success by some modern Luthers and Calvins whom God will raise up.

The next great immigration into the country and into our state, was from the German fatherland. These people were not all Romanists. The majority of them were Lutherans. But many of these acknowledged a very loose allegiance to Lutheranism, and though worthy citizens, were not religious. They seemed accessible to evangelical teaching, yet they clung tenaciously to their mother tongue. If reached it must be through the tongue in which they were born. Eighty thousand of these German speaking people are settled in Connecticut.

Baptist work among the Germans began in planting the German Church in New Haven in 1863. The first German missionary employed by the convention is in attendance at our meeting. Then followed the Church in Meriden in 1874; the Church in New Britain in 1883; the Church in Bridgeport in 1888; and the Church in Waterbury in 1894. All these Churches are children of the convention. The first three are now self-supporting, and very efficient, supplied by thoroughly educated and capable pastors, and doing a noble work for the Master. The status of the other two Churches is not as assured. The net result of the work among the Germans is eminently satisfactory. They number today 622 communicants. It is safe to say that counting the removals and the deaths of believers, nearly one thousand have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

The trouble is we almost let this opportunity also slip through our hands. The special time for acting was in those earlier years—in 1863, when the New Haven Church was planted—or earlier. When the harvest was ripest we did not thrust in the laborers. The special urgency in our state has perhaps now passed. The immigration of Germans has rapidly fallen off. The people are learning our own language, and the

descendants of Germans are found in all our churches in increasing numbers. Would that we had done more when the opportunity was ours. Our Baptist cause would have been so much the stronger in our state. It is of interest to recall the fact that the inspiration to this work came from the marvelous success which attended the labors of Oncken, the apostle to the Germans, among the Germans in their home land.

The next conspicuous immigration was of the Swedes, of whom there are at least 60,000 in the state. These people are generally Lutherans. There are twenty-eight Lutheran churches, with fifteen ministers, and 4,000 members. Among these we have little doubt there are found many earnest Christians. But with the greater part Lutheranism is but a modified Romanism, devoted to ceremonialism and sacramentarianism, without that restraint on the moral conduct of the people which the Romanist priest exerts. Foreign mission work has been done by the Baptists and Methodists in Sweden for many years. Among these immigrants were not a few Baptists and Baptist ministers. These enabled us to begin work at once amongst the Swedes. They have responded to this effort. There are in Connecticut seventeen Congregational Churches, with twelve ministers, and 1,400 members. There are six Methodist Churches with five ministers, and 500 members. Some of these probably antedated our work among the Swedes. The first Swede Baptist church was organized in Bridgeport in 1882. Then one in New Haven the same year; one in Meriden in 1887; one in Hartford in 1888; and one in New Britain in 1892. Besides these there is a Swede Mission in Waterbury. Six interests in all have been supported by the Convention. The church in Bridgeport has for several years been self-sustaining. The five others still look to us for aid. It is safe to say that these Churches lead all others in the state in sacrifice and self-denial. They show, too, by far the largest percentage of increase in membership. They report this year 548 members. We may safely compute that 750 people have been brought to Christ through work among the Swedes. These 548 members report seventy-five baptisms this year. We could easily have doubled or quadrupled this work had the means been at our disposal.

The French—especially from Canada—have been coming in great numbers into the state. There is said to be 45,000 among us. These French are almost exclusively Romanists. There is one Protestant Church—a Congregational Church—in Torrington, gathered from Swiss French.

I have heard of no Protestant missionary working among the French but our Mr. T. Tetrault, preaching in Putnam and Danielson. This French mission has been sustained for about eighteen or twenty years. It is a hard field of labor, but it has not been fruitless. About one hundred and thirty have been baptized into the American Churches. It has not been thought expedient to organize them into Churches. The people are much given to change. Those converted have many of them moved elsewhere. Yet wherever they go they carry the seed

of the kingdom with them, and very encouraging reports come back of the good they are accomplishing. Work in reclaiming the Romanists cannot be abandoned. We as Baptists are especially called to this work.

After the Irish, and German, and French, and Swedes, there has come an innumerable company of foreigners. Last year alone, half a million — representing thirty-seven distinct nationalities — landed in New York, of which a fair proportion came to Connecticut. This presents an amazing problem. We cannot reach all. We can reach some. What we can do we must do.

Prominent among these latest comers are the Italians, of whom over 50,000 are in our state. New Haven alone is said to have 10,000, and Hartford 4,000. These people, though nominally Catholics, are accessible to the Gospel. They have learned to love liberty, and they are ready to break from that Church which seeks to destroy their national freedom and unity. God in His providence has opened the way for us to work among them. He has sent to us converted men, earnest, eloquent, sacrificing. We have now four preachers proclaiming the gospel in the liquid, poetical tongue of Italy. Brother De Carlo, in Stamford; Brother Ceretta, in Bridgeport; Brother Mazzuca, in New Haven; and Brother Roca, in Hartford. All these missionaries are working with marked success. Ninety conversions have been already reported. In this work among the Italians, God has given us the pre-eminence. There is but one other missionary among them.

Brethren, the Lord is sending these foreigners to our doors. He is furnishing us the men to preach to them the Everlasting Gospel. Brethren, does it pay to do the Lord's work?

Duet, "You Will Be No Stranger There," by Mr. and Mrs. Neil.

Rev. C. A. Piddock presented "The Place of the State Missions in the Work of Winning the World to Christ."

What the chateau of Hogomont was in the battle of Waterloo, State Missions are in the Evangelization of the World. They are the key to the entire position. All evangelization should begin at home, and in this country there are special reasons for this. First in the change of population; this is no longer New England, but is made up of a vast number of nationalities. Over one third of all the people in Connecticut were born on foreign shores. It is evident that if Foreign Missions are to be sustained in heathen lands, we must strengthen Christian interests in our own land. We see also in the tide of anarchy and lawlessness an argument that has been emphasized by recent events, by the death of our late President, an additional reason for thoroughly evangelizing the populations that have come to us. There is also a great amount of crime in our rural communities. I may add an increasing amount which can only be overcome by the preaching of the gospel. Therefore I place State Missions in the foremost position, and believe that we ought to

contribute twice as much money as has been given as yet for this cause. The twentieth century should set this matter in a clear light, unless we are prepared to see the prediction of McCauley, regarding the decay of England, fulfilled in America.

Duet, "Is My Cross Too Much for Me?" by Mr. and Mrs. Neil.

An offering was received, amounting to \$12.01.

Rev. R. Maplesden spoke of "The Apathy Regarding State Missions; Its Cause and Cure."

My topic is not a cheerful one. It is not inspiring to speak of the deplorable condition that prevails—apathy in regard to God's work and state missions. We have to consider not merely apathy in regard to "state missions," but also apathy in regard to home missions, foreign missions, in fact towards all Church work on the part of many. A physician when confronted by a case of complicated disease, wins three-fourths of the battle, if he can make a sure, clean cut diagnosis—and so shall we tonight, if we can accurately describe the causes of the prevailing apathy.

We need not take time to prove its existence. You can see it in the decreasing — inadequate contributions to the treasury of our State Convention. We are today contributing only about one-fourth of the money required to meet the urgency of the situation. I have been only six years in Connecticut, yet I have been here long enough to see great neglected fields untouched, unreached, by our state Convention.

Another symptom of the existing apathy is the amazing ignorance of many of our people, regarding the work actually being done now, by the Baptist denomination in Connecticut. I was not surprised, after fifteen years missionary service in India, on returning to this country, to be asked strange and surprising questions; questions that revealed a depth of ignorance regarding foreign mission work, and life; but I was surprised after settling here in Connecticut to find so many of our people who knew almost nothing concerning the work going on around them, right at their doors.

This then is the first cause of the apathy we deplore, ignorance concerning the situation and the work. Now this lack of knowledge works in two ways.

1. In the failure of our people to realize the pathetic situation in many of our weaker Churches. I say "pathetic" because there is no disguising the fact, that some of them are in a lapsed, dying state. I am inclined to think that if delegations from some of our richer Churches could visit the little struggling Churches at Haddam, North Colebrook, Bantam, and elsewhere, their apathy would vanish. The pathetic thing about these little Churches is though "ready to die" they still fulfill the mission they have always fulfilled; even as they die, they contribute their best young life to the enrichment of our city Churches. Apart from

other considerations, gratitude alone should impel us to help sustain their glimmering light.

Furthermore this lack of knowledge has led to another, and much more serious situation—the failure of our Churches to realize the gravity of the foreign population question.

No one can study the situation without being impressed with the fact that the press, the people, and even our own Church members, are talking about everything but the real question at issue. No one seems to get at the heart of the problem, which I take to be the regeneration of every foreigner who touches these shores. If you read the papers you will find that they are discussing the question—“How shall we keep the foreigner out of the country?” That does not touch the much more vital question “What shall we do with the foreigner already here?” It would be easy to produce figures and facts to show that the foreigner is here, and here to stay. They are fast getting possession of our New England farms. They crowd our shops, they control the saloon—in fact it is fast becoming a question—not “what shall we do with them” but “what will they do with us,” if we do not bring them into life-giving regenerating contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are inclined to believe that this apathy in regard to the evangelization of the foreign population is to be partially accounted for by the fact, that the foreigner has become an irritating factor in our national life. There was a time when he was welcome. But times have changed, and the American attitude towards indiscriminate immigration has changed. The flash of the assassin's pistol has thrown light upon the situation. It has revealed an irritation which existed long before the martyred McKinley passed to his reward. If you speak to the working man, he will complain bitterly of the importation of a foreigner who will work for 75 cents a day. If you speak to the merchant, he will tell you that one third of New England's population sends nearly fifty per cent. of its wage earnings through the post-office to other lands, causing commercial depression here. The statesman will tell you, that the one pressing question of the hour is restrictive legislation, and the clergy everywhere lament that, with the influx of the foreigner, came Sabbath desecration, atheism, and low moral ideals. Everywhere there is irritation, and we have to be on our guard, lest irritation leads to apathy among the Churches, and we fail to press home the only solution of the problem.

The duty of the hour is two fold.

a. To insist upon a wise Christian discrimination. Moderation just now upon this question is at a premium. The foreigners, viewing them as a whole, are not by any means so bad as they are painted. They are not all anarchists and socialists. Thousands of them possess the best qualities for citizenship, and Church membership. Facts, and figures both prove that they abundantly repay the best efforts put forth for their Christianization.

b. We need to clearly recognize that the Church of the living God

has the only clue to the maze—the only solution of the problem. Let us preach to them the living Christ. Let us bring them into living, vital union with God and his Church, and we have solved every problem relating to them. We save them, we save our nation, we save ourselves, when we press to a successful issue state mission work.

2 Another cause for this blighting apathy is to be found in the limited narrow view which so many Churches take of their relation to God's work as a whole.

Many Churches are so intent upon reaching the "our community" about which they so continually harp—that they fail to see beyond the shadow of their own Church's steeple. Self-centered narrowness is a dry rot in Church life. Its most serious effect is seen in the dwindling power of the home Church. Doubtless many of our Churches are poor, and cannot do much for the State Convention. But may not the question be raised that their poverty is caused by their selfishness. God deals with a Church very much as He deals with the individual. He will not give to a Church much when that Church fails to give back to Him. Brethren, God is a giving God. The Christian religion is essentially a religion that gives; and a Church that does not give along missionary lines, is simply out of harmony with God and is invoking spiritual paralysis, and death.

3. But the last reason I would suggest for the prevailing apathy, is perhaps the most serious of all. Is not the reason for this apathy to be found in the fact that as Churches and individuals, ministers and people, we are losing that keen sense—that soul-quickenning consciousness that men are *lost* without the Gospel of Christ? I am not here to criticise or sit in judgment upon brethren who may differ from me, but I am expressing my own deep conviction when I say that the Higher Criticism and its allied New Theology are to be held responsible for blunting that keen sense of responsibility for the souls of men. The new views have engendered an atmosphere in which the evangelistic spirit does not thrive. We have been so occupied with side issues that we have been in danger of forgetting that men are lost unless we bring them into living, saving contact with the risen Christ. It has been said in this Convention that Universalism is everywhere in the world. It is to be sadly feared and confessed that in too many cases Universalism has got right within the Church, and the result has been apathy, coldness, indifference. What we need in every pulpit, throughout our entire Church membership, is a profound, deep conviction, like that the fathers had, that men, everywhere, American or foreign, are *eternally, hopelessly lost* unless they are saved through Jesus Christ. When we get that there will be no more apathy, either in regard to home missions or foreign missions or state missions.

After singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have," Rev. Walter Gay pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until 9 A. M. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention was called to order by President Spencer at 9 A. M. Rev. D. W. Phelps led in prayer.

Singing, "Come Holy Spirit," "I am 'thine, O Lord."

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by Rev. T. G. Denchfield.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

"Jesus said unto her, thy brother shall rise again, . . . Believe thou this?"

We think of our dead in Christ in view of the resurrection of the just, and our Saviour is tempered in the spirit of hope. 356, a great number considering our denominational strength, has been called hence since last Convention.

Last year many pastors were called up higher to rest from their labor, this year but one is reported.

Rev. LESLIE O. BROOKS. He was born at Waterford, N. Y., March 12, 1875, converted when nine years old, and baptized when thirteen years of age into the membership of the First Church, Pittsfield, Mass. He studied in Folts Mission Institute, Herkimer, and in the Moody Training School at Northfield, Mass. He engaged in missionary work in Connecticut under the auspices of the State Convention, and later was called to supply the pulpit of the Emmanuel Church, Bridgeport. He was ordained by a council called by that Church in February, 1897. After serving this Church as pastor for two and a half years he was forced to resign on account of ill health. After some time spent at Southern Pines, S. C., he accepted a call to the Church at White Hills, Conn. Failing health compelled him to lay down his work. He died at his father's home, Herkimer, N. Y., April 20, 1901. His wife survives him.

Mr. Brooks' brief life was eminently useful and his short ministry blessed to many. Fairfield Association passed special resolutions to his worth.

Rev. GEO. W. FOLWELL, one time pastor in Waterbury, died in Easton, Pa., April 3, 1901. He was mighty in the Scriptures.

Rev. FREDERICK DENISON, died August 16. Born in Stonington, Conn., ordained 1847. Was pastor of Central Church, Norwich, Pilgrim, New Haven; Westerly, Central Falls, Woonsocket, and Providence, R. I. Author of many books and poems.

Many aged disciples have attained to full years, and have gone to be with their Lord in glory. Some of these, by reason of excellency of character, position in the Church, and length of service should have special mention, and permanent recognition.

Mrs. JULIA A. CAMPBELL, wife of an esteemed deacon, was held in high esteem in Voluntown. She made substantial bequest to the Church.

EDWARD E. HILL, a spiritual minded man, and great financial help, is missed greatly in Union Plainfield.

Many constituent members in their various Churches have been called away. We trust their names are in the Lamb's book of life.

Mrs. H. B. YOUNG, of Middletown, a choice Christian character, honored in the home as wife and mother, and in the Church as a faithful follower of her Lord has left a precious legacy of a good name to Church and family.

Saybrook mentions three sisters, aged sixty-nine, ninety-one, and ninety-two, the latter a granddaughter of the first pastor of the Church.

Deacon SAMUEL W. HAMMOND, an honored member of Grand Avenue Church, New Haven, passed to his rest in his seventieth year; besides being a deacon he was chairman of board of trustees, and building committee.

ALONZO STAPLES, since 1843 a member of Stratfield, died October 5, in his ninety fifth year, his father joined the Church in 1813 and served as deacon until his death in 1861, his grandfather joined the Church in 1779 and was one of the first deacons of the Church.

JAMES GOODWIN BATTERSON, for many years a prominent member of the First Church, Hartford, contractor and builder of the State Capitol, and a fine classical scholar, passed away in his seventy-eighth year.

GEORGE W. WHEELER, and L. W. CARROLL, constituent members of Central Church, Norwich, were men of unusual piety.

GEORGE W. GREEN, seventeen years superintendent of Preston Chapel, and Mrs. ELIZABETH PERKINS, a faithful teacher, have also passed away. Mrs. M. RISING, widow of Rev. Martin Rising, has left a fragrant memory. Mrs. J. CHESTER HYDE, beloved wife of Rev. J. Hyde, of Quaker Hill Church, has gone on before. Her zeal for souls began at home and went out to the ends of the earth. Her presence stimulated many to Christian activity, especially in missionary effort. Her life was a benediction, her death triumphant.

The venerable JAMES McWHINNIE, senior deacon of the First Baptist Church, Waterbury, passed to his rest Oct. 15th. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Feb. 25, 1816, and came to this country at the age of fifteen. He was a man of impressive bearing, and of that sturdy Scotch character upon which is built the best type of private life and public citizenship. His truest encomium, and noblest panegyric was his life itself, which had been consecrated from the beginning to the truest service for Christ, giving to him a richness of spiritual experience, a depth of spiritual insight, a joyousness of confidence in Christ, the grace of a saintly old age, and a sweet peacefulness in death. It was largely due to the influence of his character that there was given to the Christian Ministry the services of his gifted son, of sainted memory, Rev. James McWhinnie, D.D., and also the services of his daughter Margaret, who

was so long, and so efficiently identified with the administration of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society at Boston.

A host of others no less worthy are named in the various reports. The weary have entered into rest, the troubled have found comfort. Lives just opening and full of promise, lives well spent, and fully ripe have alike been gathered into the home above. These have gone before — only a little before, and we who remain need to watch and pray and be ready also. *"And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."*

THOMAS G. DENCHFIELD,
D. W. PHELPS,
E. DEWHURST,

Committee.

After many tender and sympathetic words concerning those who have fallen, the report was accepted by a rising vote; Rev. O. O. Fletcher led in prayer, and "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung.

The report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. O. O. Fletcher.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ invites us to Him that He may set up His kingdom in us and His kingdom in the world through us. His rulership in us will be evinced by our effort to do His will, by our seeking His ends in life, and by our having the impulse of His indwelling love.

His will respecting missions is evident. To the unsaved He extends the loving invitation, "Come unto me;" of the saved He makes the loving request, "Go unto them." If the majesty of His divine Sonship and the persuasiveness of his solicitude for us are back of his invitation, back of his request are the persuasiveness of the love that gave all for us and the majesty of that Sonship sealed in the resurrection.

We should seek His ends; "They who live should no longer live to themselves, but unto Him." He emptied Himself for us; we are to give the fullness of our life for Him. He lives that God's will may be "done on earth as in heaven." That end should dominate our planning and activity; because it was for that He came, for that He gives the Holy Spirit, and the travail of His soul will only be satisfied in its accomplishment.

His own have His spirit. Possessing His spirit, they have His vision of the world and His heart toward the world. If He lives in us, we shall be constrained by His love. This love will lead us to long that others may partake in the blessedness which has come to us through the gospel. So because He asks it, because we would be co-workers with Him, and

because it is normal to the Christian life, we establish and support missions.

The management of the societies through which we carry on home and foreign missions, is such as to warrant the full confidence of our Churches. The ratio of cost of administration to the sums handled will not only compare favorably with that of other missionary societies, but with any business enterprise of the same extent. They and their work should have full consideration before our Churches assist mission undertakings that are outside denominational control. It is very seldom, if ever, that an undenominational or independent mission can be wisely accorded a hearing or granted aid by our people.

We would call attention to the conference to be held in New York early in December, with a view to the more complete discussion of the advisability of a new and closer co-ordination of our national societies. The issues of that meeting will be of vast importance to the Baptists north. Openness and thoroughness of consideration and speech ought to combine with calmness of judgment. Is it not possible to secure a representative attendance of laymen as well as ministers?

The support given these missionary enterprises should be proportioned to ability on our part and the need and opportunity of the mission field. By the latter God calls, by the former He empowers us to answer the call.

It is too true, however, that a study of contributions will scarcely discover any relation between the amount given and our ability. For this comparison we include State Convention work with home and foreign missions. Excluding the years '92 and '93, because of the special centennial call of the Missionary Union, and not including the year just closing—figures for it were not at hand at this writing—we find that high water mark was reached in the years ending Oct. '97 and '98. For these departments, the average for 1899 and 1900 was 14 per cent. less than in the two years preceding. For all purposes—home expense and benevolence—the rate per member was over 25 per cent. less for 1899 and 1900 than for the four years preceding. But the years in which we note this falling off were years of general prosperity. Shall God's bounty move us to stinginess?

In the mission fields the need and the opportunity have increased apace. God is moving rapidly. By various hands, some of them out-reached in wrath, He has opened the way to many who have not had adequate presentation of the gospel, and to others who have never heard that God loves them. In addition to the work in our own land among the English speaking population in the newer states and territories, and the pressing work among peoples of foreign tongues who have come to us, and the work in Alaska and Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico make imperative demands. The enlarging opportunities are God's command to us.

The results of the home mission work are inspiring; those of the foreign field continue their remarkable showing. For two years the

number of baptisms annually has exceeded 12,000. All the older missions are vigorous, some of them evince increased spiritual activity. China is welcoming our missionaries back, and the indications are that the problem soon to be faced here will be the care and training of the many who will press in. Japan is having a wide-spread revival. If the providential opening of the Philippines was startling, the progress of the work there is still more so. The plant and the number of the workers must be enlarged to train the thousands of converts God has given us abroad. Shall His prospering lead us to penuriousness? His grace forbid!

Let the word for the coming year be: Something from every member for each department of mission work, and that something all God would have it be.

O. O. FLETCHER,
E. W. STONE.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

The Convention adjourned until 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled at 3.15 P. M., President Spencer in the chair.

After singing, "I Am Not Ashamed to Own My Lord," Rev. E. Dewhurst led in prayer.

Rev. J. R. Stubbert presented the report of the Committee on the Amendment of the Constitution.

The Committee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws recommend:

First. That the following sentence in Article 4, under the heading "Duties of Officers and Finance Committee," the following sentence be stricken out, "He shall furnish for publication in the Christian Secretary, brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, so far as the interests of the Convention will admit."

Second. That Articles 2 and 3 under "By-Laws of the Board of Trustees," be amended so as to correspond to the appointment of the 2d vice-president, so that in Article 2 it will read, "In his absence the 1st vice-president shall preside, and in the absence of both president and 1st vice-president, the 2d vice-president shall preside. In the absence of all three, the Board shall choose a president pro tem." Article 3 shall be amended so as to read, "including the president, both vice-presidents."

Third. In Article 2, under the head "Duties of Officers," it shall read "vice-presidents" instead of "vice-president".

For the Committee,

J. R. STUBBERT.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The Committee on Enrollment reported 88 Churches represented, against 117 last year; 273 delegates, against 326 last year; 75 pastors, against 94 last year.

W. V. GRAY,

N. B. PRINDLE,

G. D. GOULD,

E. W. STONE,

G. C. SAUER, *Committee.*

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was presented:

Your Committee on Place and Preacher regret that they are unable to secure a place for the next meeting of the Convention, and are obliged to refer this question to the Executive Board of the Convention.

For preacher, we recommend Rev. G. H. Ferris, and for alternate, Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D.

B. U. HATFIELD,

J. W. MANNING,

WM. H. FIELDING,

H. M. THOMPSON, *Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. A. W. Hand:

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the pastor and members of the New Britain Baptist Church, who have so delightfully entertained in their homes, so beautifully exhibited to us the spirit of Christian fellowship, and so bountifully provided for our necessities.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the press of this city and Hartford, for the complete and accurate reports of our meetings, evidencing a sympathetic and intelligent appreciation of our efforts and aims.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R., for granting us reduced rates from the Convention.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the grievous bereavement that has come to our land in the assassination of our beloved president, William McKinley; and we urge the Christian people of our state to more vigorous effort for state evangelization, believing that the gospel of Christ is the only effective weapon against those vicious and immoral political

theories which threaten the safety of the nation and the lives of our rulers.

Resolved, That the officers of the Convention send to our representatives and senators in Congress, the following petition:

"We, the Baptists of Connecticut, in State Convention assembled, petition you to use your best endeavors to secure prompt action by the Fifty-seventh Congress, proposing an amendment to the National Constitution, and submitting the same to the legislatures of the several states, defining legal marriage to be monogamic, and making polygamy and polygamous cohabitation, under whatsoever guise or pretense, a crime against the United States, punishable by severe penalties, including disfranchisement and disqualification to vote or to hold any office of honor or emolument under the United States, or any state or territory thereof."

Resolved, That we urge our senators and representatives in Congress to use their influence to frustrate any attempts looking to the repeal or modification of the present law regulating the army canteen, and that the officers of the Convention send a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives.

A. W. HAND,
R. A. ASHWORTH,
GEO. BRAKER,
A. J. SHIPLEY,
T. A. PERKINS.

After a brief discussion,

Voted, That the report be accepted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. R. Maplesden:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Within the memory of most of us, great advance has been made towards a truer understanding of the Christian's duty to God and his fellow men relative to the drink business, and very much has been done to inculcate the principles of temperance and sobriety in spite of the haphazard and conflicting methods by which even Christians have attempted to carry on temperance work. Yet, after all the expenditure of time, of energy, of money, we are confronted in the saloon, as the representative and embodiment of the drink traffic, by the most unscrupulous foe to welfare of the human kind. Nevertheless, a great body of Christians seem quite indifferent to the character and work of this enemy to all progress toward temporal and spiritual prosperity. Opposition to it appears to be chiefly shown by a considerable number of ministers somewhat more daring than their fellows, and by a few laymen whose convictions of duty render them insensible to the possible loss of standing or property, because of too great prominence in endeavors to thwart this arch enemy of mankind. The saloon rears its braggart front within

a stone's throw of the church, and debauches those whom the church has hoped to save; and the church, through indifference, or personal interest, or fear, with little or no protest, allows the foul thing to contaminate the surroundings, to teach defiance of the laws of God and man, to bring upon the community burdens grievous to be borne, because imposed by this agency of the evil one. The cure for all this is largely in the hands of the members of the church. We believe that the broadest view of their duty in this matter should lead them to lay aside personal considerations, and act with a determined purpose to pull down this strong enemy, which so unceasingly boasts of its increasing power, and as increasingly devises how it can further compass the ruin of men. Let Christians cease striving about ways and means, and unite in common cause against the saloon, and its days as a dominant power in the community are numbered. It is not so much a question of methods and parties as of principle, and righteousness, and justice to man, and loyalty to the Divine Man, whose glory was that he was a servant of all yet doing only the Father's will. The burden of the work is yet to be accomplished, and the Church must do it. If it withholds its forces, the blighting influence of the saloon will increase to vastly more destructiveness. It fears nothing so much as an aggressive church, aggressive in the personal living of its membership, and manifested in the daily contacts of civil, commercial, and social life. The interests of these various phases of any community's life are largely under the control of professed believers in Jesus Christ and His truth. Let His truth dominate the living of His followers, and the saloon must go.

In view then of what we believe should be our attitude as Christians toward this evil, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we urge upon the members of our churches the endorsement, by active participation in all wise movements calculated to restrain or destroy the power of the saloon. That we approve the anti-canteen law, and are opposed to the sale of liquors by government sanction and upon government territory, believing that the government cannot enter into partnership with the drink traffic, or permit its servants to do so, without shame to itself before God and man.

That the fearful increase of power wielded by the liquor forces of our land should arouse every Christian to devoutest daily loyalty to Him "who was manifested to destroy the works of the devil," lest they compromise with these enemies to all virtue and prosperity and the eternal welfare of men,

"For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win,
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

GEO. D. REID,
RUSH P. CHAPMAN,
W. G. THOMAS,

Committee.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

Rev. Frank Dixon presented the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence:

System and proportion in Christian giving will depend upon system and proportion in the instruction the church receives from the pulpit. The power of the pulpit will correspond to the pastor's responsiveness to the touch of God's Spirit. No method can be effective until the Spirit has opened up the fountain of life within the soul. When these fountains are opened any sensible method will serve the Spirit's use.

FRANK DIXON,
E. A. BOWEN,
J. W. PAYNE,
F. G. McKEEVER.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That the request of the Anti-Saloon League be passed into the hands of the President of the Convention, with authority to appoint one to go as a representative.

The following Committees were called for: On Evangelistic Work, on New Churches, Historical Committee, but no reports were presented by these Committees.

The President announced the following committees to report next year:

On Nomination of Trustees—Hon. J. W. Manning, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Hon. J. L. Howard, Rev. Henry Clarke.

On Obituaries—Rev. D. W. Phelps, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer, Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Rev. G. C. Sauer, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Rev. Leonard Smith.

On State of Churches—Rev. J. W. Nicholson, Rev. E. E. Gates, Rev. W. G. Thomas, Rev. J. B. Connell, Rev. C. C. Smith.

On Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. G. H. Ferris, Rev. R. Maplesden, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. J. Friborg.

On Bible Schools—E. B. Boynton, Rev. E. C. Sage, Rev. H. E. Wise, Rev. G. D. Gould, Dea. H. C. Warren.

On Temperance—Rev. E. A. Bowen, Rev. H. M. Thompson, Dea. Giles Potter, Hon. H. A. Hull, Rev. Otto Koenig.

On New Churches—Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Rev. F. G. McKeever, Rev. J. W. Payne, Rev. A. W. Hand, Rev. F. P. Braman.

Historical Committee—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Dea. J. L. Dennison, Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, Rev. L. B. Sears, Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D.

On Evangelistic Work—Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Rev. J. H. Strong, Rev. F. S. Leathers.

On Arrangements for Next Session—Officers of the Convention and pastor of the entertaining church.

Voted, That the Secretary of the Convention be permitted to print the Minutes without reading to the Convention.

Rev. J. W. Payne presented a further resolution to be added to the Bible School report.

Voted, That the resolution be accepted.

Rev. Charles Spaulding presented the work of the Publication Society.

Rev. S. G. Neil presented the work of the Chapel Cars.

Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke briefly of his hope for advance in the work.

President Spencer spoke with gratitude of the dispatch with which the business has been performed,—of the enthusiasm that has been manifested,—the earnestness of those who have presented matters for consideration, and personally thanked the pastor and members of the entertaining Church for all that has been done to make the Convention a success; and expressed the hope that the next year would show a marked advance in every respect.

Rev. T. G. Wright offered prayer. After singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Rev. Walter Gay pronounced the benediction and the Convention was adjourned.

CARNOT O. SPENCER,

PHILIP S. EVANS,

President.

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending October 10, 1901.

Balance on hand at last report \$271 57

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

Bantam . . .	\$5 00	New Britain, First .	\$110 23
Bloomfield . . .	10 00	" German .	5 84
Bozrah . . .	16 64	" Swedish .	21 95
Branford . . .	9 50	New Canaan . . .	3 00
Bridgeport, First .	250 00	New Haven, First .	56 80
" E. Wash. Av.	32 51	" Calvary .	68 00
Bridgeport, German	17 80	" Grand Av. .	25 10
" Messiah .	15 00	" German .	25 00
" Swedish .	5 83	" How. Ave. .	8 00
Clinton . . .	10 00	N. London, Hunt. St.	22 00
Cornwall Hollow .	5 00	" First .	35 31
Cromwell . . .	8 81	New Milford . . .	16 00
Danbury, Second .	37 09	Niantic . . .	15 00
Deep River . . .	59 97	North Colebrook .	1 00
East Cornwall . .	8 00	North Lyme . . .	20 00
East Killingly . .	2 50	Norwich Central .	100 00
Eastford . . .	5 00	" First .	15 00
East Haddam . . .	1 25	Old Lyme . . .	10 00
Easton . . .	5 00	Plainfield . . .	14 10
Essex . . .	40 25	Plainville . . .	3 50
Groton, First . .	7 40	Poquonnoc Bridge .	10 00
Groton Heights . .	22 99	Putnam . . .	73 85
Hfd., Asylum Ave.	150 05	Rockville . . .	7 00
" First . . .	250 00	Rowayton . . .	10 00
" Memorial .	31 25	Salem . . .	1 00
" Olivet . . .	12 50	Shelton . . .	12 20
" South . . .	109 00	South Colebrook .	2 54
" Swedish . .	16 00	" Norwalk . .	2 00
Jewett City . . .	23 61	" Woodstock .	5 00
Meriden, First . .	77 56	Stafford . . .	4 37
" Main St. .	18 00	Stamford . . .	40 98
" Swedish . .	7 35	Stepney . . .	13 00
Montowese . . .	7 00	Sterling Hill . .	10 00
Montville Union .	4 90	Stonington Borough	95 54
Mystic Union . .	97 49	Stratfield . . .	5 33

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Stratford . . .	\$1 00	Westford . . .	\$8 00
Suffield, First . .	16 00	West Willington . .	14 00
Tariffville . . .	15 00	Willimantic . . .	62 25
Torrington . . .	46 89	Winsted . . .	14 63
Wallingford . . .	120 61	Winthrop . . .	6 35
Waterbury, First . .	161 52	White Hills . . .	10 00
" German . . .	5 00	Woodstock . . .	3 00
Waterford, Second . .	13 50	Southington . . .	24 00
Wethersfield . . .	10 00		
			<hr/> \$2,780 64

FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Waterbury, First,	\$12 00
Norwich Central,	30 00
Cromwell,	2 82
	<hr/> \$44 82

FROM YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Norwich Central, Extra cent a day band,	\$20 00
Warrenville,	1 50
Waterbury, First,	25 00
	<hr/> \$46 50

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

J. A. Conklin, Hartford,	\$10 00
Elvira Smith, Hartford,	5 00
C. A. Schlipf, Waterbury,	4 00
	<hr/> \$19 00

FOR FOREIGN WORK.

Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Stamford,	\$60 00
American Baptist Pub. Society,	300 00
New Haven Baptist Union,	218 00
Deep River Junior Endeavor,	5 00
Hartford First unday School,	13 02
Hartford Baptist Union,	168 00
	<hr/> \$764 02

FOR CENTENNIAL FUND.

South Norwalk Church,	\$400 00
G. H. Gardner, Deep River,	10 00
J. H. Strong, New Britain,	10 00
W. A. Frazer, Noank,	10 00

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Pierce N. Welch, New Haven,	\$1,000 00
E. Sanderson, Moosup,	10 00
Deep River,	14 72
D. W. Phelps, New Haven,	0 00
J. L. Howard, Hartford,	1,000 00
George M. Morse, Putnam,	1,000 00
Rowayton,	12 00
Plantsville,	4 25
South Norwalk Sunday School,	30 00
New Haven, Calvary,	53 61
H. Von Berge, New Britain,	10 00
Deep River Junior Endeavor,	5 00
T. Tetrault, Putnam,	10 00
A. J. Shipley, Waterbury,	200 00
C. N. Nichols, Andover,	10 00
Thompson Central,	2 50
Winsted,	6 90
Putnam,	25 00
A. W. Hand, Putnam,	10 00
G. W. Nicholson, Bridgeport,	10 00
C. O. Spencer, Hartford,	50 00
C. A. Piddock, Hartford,	10 00
	<hr/> \$3,913 98

FROM INTEREST.

Dunham Fund,	\$195 00
Phelps Fund,	30 00
E. Francis Fund,	49 00
Chapman Fund,	300 00
Miller Fund,	80 00
Scott Hill Fund,	34 28
Cone Fund,	180 00
A. Francis Fund,	75 00
Rowayton Fund,	184 80
May Fund,	25 00
Sheldon Fund,	25 00
M. Rogers Fund,	5 00
Fuller & Ballard Fund,	17 50
	<hr/> \$1,200 58

FOR MINUTES.

Womans' Home Mission Society,	\$5 00
Education Society,	30 00
B. Y. P. U.,	5 00
	<hr/> \$40 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

German, Bridgeport, Rent,	\$174 00
West Hartford, Contribution,	\$1 00
“ “ Sale of Land,	1,100 00
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	1,101 00
Winsted, Insurance,	25 00
Bequests, A. M. Fuller, Willimantic,	200 00
“ Valentine Ballard, Thompson,	200 00
“ Stephen Woodward, Mystic,	500 00
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	\$11,281 11
Balance due Treasurer,	365 37
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	\$11,646 48

PAYMENTS.

TO CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.

Torrington,	\$150 01
New Haven—Howard Ave.,	200 00
West Hartford,	185 00
Bridgeport, German,	200 00
New Haven, Swedish,	100 00
Meriden, “	120 00
New Britain, “	120 00
Hartford, “	150 00
Waterbury, German,	150 00
Shelton,	145 00
Tariffville,	120 00
Bantam and Cornwall,	150 00
Westford,	40 00
South Woodstock,	52 50
Poquonnoc Bridge,	80 00
Old Lyme,	75 00
White Hills,	50 00
Scott Hill,	60 00
Wethersfield,	60 00
Sterling Hill,	95 00
Waterbury, Swedish,	55 00
North and South Colebrook,	60 00
Winsted,	50 00
Messiah, Bridgeport,	75 00
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	\$2,542 51

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FOR FOREIGN WORK.

French Mission,	\$300 00	
Italian Mission, Ceretta,	600 00	
“ “ De Carlo,	364 00	
“ “ Mazzucca,	330 00	
“ “ Hartford,	181 02	
“ “ New Haven,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,810 02

INCOME TO CHURCHES.

Rowayton,	\$184 50	
North Colebrook,	45 00	
Scott Hill,	34 28	
Pendleton Hill,	80 00	
Wethersfield,	149 00	
Moodus,	90 00	
Andover,	91 00	
Mansfield,	52 00	
West Willington,	104 00	
	<hr/>	\$829 78

PRINTING.

C. H. Ryder,	\$20 50	
Torrington Printing Co.,	8 85	
Case, Lockwood & Brainard,	300 60	
Adkins Printing Co.,	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$334 20

WEST HARTFORD.

Expenses of Sale, Deeds, etc.,	\$ 64 85	
Deposited in Savings Bank,	142 09	
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C. A. Piddock, salary and expenses,	\$1,556 48	
P. S. Evans, salary and expenses,	229 21	
Interest, Shelton,	127 50	
“ on loans,	100 50	
“ Bridgeport German,	148 50	
Insurance, New Hartford,	49 84	
“ Winsted,	39 00	
Repaid Rowayton Fund,	500 00	
Transferred to invested fund,	400 00	
Expenses Executive Committee,	37 08	

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Paid on loans,	\$2,600 00
For Special Evangelist,	59 00
Water Rents, Bridgeport,	20 00
Incidental expenses,	5 92
Transferred to Church Edifice Fund,	50 00
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	\$11,646 48

WEST HARTFORD ACCOUNT.

Balance due Convention at last report,	\$ 874 06
Interest on loan,	20 00
Expenses,	64 85
Deposited in Savings Bank,	142 09
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	\$1,101 00
Received from sale of land,	1,100 00
Received Contribution,	1 00
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	\$1,101 00

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Received from Woman's Missionary Society,	\$ 5 00
" " Education Society,	30 00
" " B. Y. P. U.,	5 00
" " Current Funds,	294 20
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	\$334 20
Paid C. H. Ryder,	\$ 20 50
" Torrington Printing Co.,	8 85
" Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	300 60
" Adkins Printing Co.,	4 25
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	\$334 20

PUTNAM CHAPEL FUND FOR COLORED CHURCHES.

Amount at last report,	\$429 27
Interest added,	12 46
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	\$441 73

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Amount at last report,	\$269 78
Received, German Church, Waterbury,	50 00
" Interest,	6 22
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	\$326 00

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CENTENNIAL FUND.

Amount previously reported,	\$1,672 25
Received this year,	3,913 98
	<hr/> \$5,586 23

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts and securities in hands of W. F. Walker, Treasurer of Connecticut Baptist State Convention, and found same to be as stated in his report.

A. SPENCER, JR., *Auditor.*

Hartford, Conn., October 10, 1901.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$271 57
Received from churches,	2,780 64
" " Sunday schools,	44 82
" " Young Peoples' Societies,	46 50
" " Individuals,	19 00
" For Foreign Work,	764 02
" " Centennial Fund,	3,913 98
" From Interest,	1,200 58
" For minutes,	40 00
" From West Hartford account,	1,101 00
" " Bequests,	900 00
" " other sources,	199 00
Balance due Treasurer,	365 37
	<hr/> \$11,646 48

PAYMENTS.

Paid to Churches,	\$2,542 51
" for Foreign Work,	1,810 02
" Income to Churches,	829 78
" Printing,	334 20
" West Hartford account,	206 94
" Secretaries' salaries and expenses,	1,785 69
" Interest,	376 50
" Insurance,	88 84
" Funds transferred,	900 00
" on loans,	2,600 00
Other payments,	172 00
	<hr/> \$11,646 48

ADDITION TO TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE REPORT WAS PRINTED.

Ansonia,	108 35	
Ansonia, Macedonia,	3 00	
Colchester,	5 00	
Danielson,	44 21	
Hartford, Memorial,	7 50	
New Haven, Calvary,	9 46	
New London, Shiloh,	2 00	
Norwalk,	10 00	
Norwich, Third,	5 00	
Scott Hill,	3 00	
Voluntown,	\$3 00	
Wallingford,	25 00	
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FOR CENTENNIAL FUND.

A. J. Chandler,	\$10 00	
J. D. Herr,	10 00	
J. S. Lyon,	10 00	
Wm. A. Grippen,	500 00	
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FOR ITALIAN CHAPEL.

Groton Heights,	\$5 00	
Pledges paid at Convention,	5 00	
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Woman's Home Missionary Society, for minutes,	5 00	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, for minutes,	7 00	
Collections at Convention,	40 17	
	<hr/>	\$817 69
Due Treasurer, as per printed report,	\$365 37	
Balance on hand,	452 32	
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STATEMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY CONVENTION.

Income all going to Convention or to various Churches.

C. H. CHAPMAN FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
15 shares New Britain National Bank, \$2,250		8	\$2,325	\$127.50
2,000 City of Columbus, O., bonds, due 1913,		4½		

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	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
1000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	\$3,225	4½	\$3,280	\$135.00
Cash on hand,	750	5	750	37.50
R. E. Mortgage, Washington Co., Col.,	275		275	
Mortgage note forwarded for collection.				
	\$6,500		\$6,630	\$400.00

C. H. SHELDON FUND.

R. E. Mortgage in New Britain, Putnam street,	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Appraised value \$1,000.				

MARTHA ROGERS FUND.

R. E. Mortgage, Sioux Co., Neb.,	\$400	6	\$400	
Collateral loan, R. & E., N. Y., S. R. & L. Co.,	100	5	100	\$5.00
	\$500		\$500	\$5.00

ALMIRA O. CONE FUND.

4000 City of Columbus, O. bonds,	\$4,300	4½	\$4,224	\$180.00
Cash on hand,	500		500	
Real estate mortgage, Greely Co., Col.,	200	7	325	
	\$5,000		\$5,049	

One-half to Convention.

Income of above funds goes to Convention,			\$420.00	
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DUNHAM FUND.

5 shares Hartford National Bank,	\$500	7	\$650	\$35.00
4000 Potomac Valley R. R. Co., due 1941,	4,000	4½	4,224	160.00
	\$4,500		\$4,874	\$195.00

Income of this fund goes to Willington, Mansfield, and Andover.

ESTHER N. FRANCIS FUND.

4 shares Farmers and Mechanics Nat'l Bank, Hartford,	\$400	6	\$428	\$24.00
Real estate mortgage in New Britain, High street,	500	5	500	25.00
	\$900		\$928	\$49.00

Income goes to Wethersfield Church.

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ANN M. MAY FUND.

	Cost.	Rate.	Mar. Val.	Inc.
Note secured by collateral R. & E. Mg. S. R. & L. Co	\$500	5	\$500	\$25.00
Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				

ALFRED FRANCIS FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Wethersfield,	\$1,100	5	\$1,100	\$55.00
Note secured by collateral, R. & E. N. Y., S. R. & L.,	400	5	400	20.00
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Income goes to Wethersfield Church.				\$75.00

ANNA E. MILLER FUND.

10 shares First Nat'l Bank, Stonington,	\$1,000	8	\$1,000	\$80.00
Income to Pendleton Hill Church.				

A. E. PHELPS FUND.

Real estate mortgage, Kansas,	\$500		\$500	\$25.00
Income to North Colebrook Church.				

SARAH M. FRISBIE FUND.

1000 Cincinnati, Dayton & Ironton R. R. bond,	\$1,000	5	\$1,080	\$50.00
Income to Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn.				

ROWAYTON FUND.

3000 Real estate mortgage, Springfield, Mo.,	\$2,250	5		\$195.00
Mortgage on North Stanley street New Britain,	1,000	5		50.00
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Income to Rowayton Church.				\$245.00
Fuller & Ballard fund,			\$400	
Loan to H. L. Lankton, Wethersfield,		5	\$400	

The Convention also holds the title to the following church property: New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Winsted, Brookfield, Meriden Swedish, Torrington, West Hartford, New Canaan, and Immanuel of Bridgeport, and lot on Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, and \$700 on German of Waterbury.

The Convention pays the interest on mortgage of German Bridgeport, \$148.50 annually, and on mortgage on Shelton Church \$82.50 annually.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Ansonia, First — Rev. W. D. McKinney, Mrs. W. D. McKinney, W. H. Fielding, J. A. Fisk, L. W. Wentworth, Hadley McLaughlin.

Ansonia, Macedonia — Rev. R. Roscoe.

Bantam — Rev. F. S. Leathers, Mrs. F. S. Leathers.

Bloomfield — Rev. A. B. Todd, Mrs. A. B. Todd, Mrs. F. Griswold.

Branford — Rev. Joseph McKean.

Bristol — Rev. Henry Clarke, Mrs. Henry Clarke, W. L. Hart, Mrs. Tuttle, Geo. H. Grant.

Brooklyn — T. D. Pond, Mrs. T. D. Pond.

Bridgeport, First — Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Mrs. W. V. Garner, Mrs. A. H. Lester, J. H. Crossley, Mrs. J. H. Crossley, Rev. C. Ceretta.

Bridgeport, German — Rev. H. L. Dietz.

Bridgeport, Immanuel — Samuel Van Stone.

Bridgeport, East Washington Ave. — Dea. C. W. Scarritt, Mrs. C. W. Scarritt, W. R. Miller, Mrs. W. A. Phillips.

Bridgeport, Messiah — Rev. W. N. Morton.

Canton — Rev. J. W. Higgins, Mrs. J. W. Higgins.

Chester — Miss M. E. Gorham.

Cromwell — Rev. W. V. Gray, Dea. Geo. A. Stevens, Miss Sybil Root.

Colchester — Rev. C. J. Ramsey, Mrs. C. J. Ramsey, L. C. Brown.

Danielson — Rev. F. S. Bacon, Mrs. F. S. Bacon, Dea. H. C. Warren, Mrs. Alice Bolles, Mrs. Edwin Bennett.

Danbury, Second — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., F. B. Vail, E. S. Fairchild.

Essex — Rev. W. G. Thomas, Mrs. W. G. Thomas, Mrs. G. H. Post.

Groton, First — Rev. H. W. Wilson, Rev. A. J. Chandler.

Groton Heights — Rev. L. B. Sears, Dea. Frederick Gallup, Miss Mattie Denison.

Haddam — Norman Ball, Mrs. Norman Ball.

Hartford, First — Hon. J. L. Howard, Dea. R. P. Chapman, L. C. Glazier, C. P. Gladding, Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mrs. Clara M. Glazier, W. D. Johnson.

Hartford, Asylum Ave. — Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Mrs. G. M. Stone, Dea. John Gemmill, D. B. Corbin, Dea. E. V. Preston, Fred Adams.

Hartford, Memorial — Rev. H. M. Thompson, Mrs. H. M. Thompson,
Mrs. C. C. Stager, Geo. E. Moses.

Hartford, South — Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. T. G. Wright, Mrs. H. P.
Reed, H. M. Jacobs, Frank Tolhurst, F. A. Carey, Miss E. F.
Noble.

Hartford, Olivet — Rev. J. B. Connell.

Hartford, Union — Rev. Walter Gay.

Hartford, Swede — Rev. John Friborg,

Jewett City — Rev. J. W. Payne.

Lyme — Rev. J. R. Very.

Mansfield — Miss Marion Storrs.

Meriden, First — Rev. Robert A. Ashworth, Miss Fannie L. Twiss,
Mrs. W. M. Quested, S. J. Hall, Mrs. S. J. Hall, Mrs. H. M.
Grant, Mrs. Benjamin C. Kennard, W. C. Twiss.

Meriden, Main Street — Rev. C. J. Greenwood, S. C. Paddock, S. M.
Paddock, I. I. Gardner, Miss Marie L. Davis.

Meriden, Swede — Rev. William Kohler.

Middletown — Rev. R. Maplesden, Mrs. R. Maplesden, W. H. Stevens,
Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Dea. J. D. Sibley, Mrs. E. Bacon, W. J.
Trevithick.

Mystic — Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Dea. E. T. Wilcox, Benjamin Burrows.

Montville — Rev. S. G. Hastings, Mrs. S. G. Hastings, Mrs. Ida Wood-
mansee, Miss Olive Hooper.

Moosup — Rev. E. Sanderson, Rev. J. P. Brown, Clara W. Sanderson,
Eva L. Mott.

New Haven, Calvary — Rev. G. H. Ferris, Mrs. G. H. Ferris, Rev. D.
W. Phelps, Dea. Merrit Loomis, Rev. F. D. Luddington, Rev. M.
Mazzuca, Miss Susan E. Alling.

New Haven, Grand Ave. — Rev. E. W. Stone, Mrs. S. B. Ives, Mrs.
William Sheffield.

New Haven, Hope — Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D., Mrs. E. C. Sage, Geo.
H. Priest, Mrs. Geo. H. Priest, Jennie C. Johnstone.

New Haven, Howard Ave. — Mrs. James H. Bertrand.

New London, First — Rev. F. G. McKeever, Mrs. F. G. McKeever,
Dea. Charles A. Benjamin, Dea. Leonard Lester, H. C. Weaver,
Mrs. Harriet Beckwith.

New London, Huntington Street — Rev. J. A. Elder, Rev. George H.
Lester, Mrs. George H. Lester, Mrs. Allen Penhallow, Mrs. H. G.
Holmes.

Niantic — Rev. C. F. Eldredge, Dea. Horace Dennison, Mrs. Mary
Brooks.

New Britain, First — Rev. J. H. Strong, W. F. Walker, J. R. Andrews,
W. L. Damon, Mrs. T. A. Wooster, Miss Lyman.

New Britain, German — Mrs. M. Eichstadt.

New Britain, Swede — Rev. J. E. Klingberg.

Noank — Rev. E. E. Gates, Mrs. D. W. Chester, Mrs. W. P. Fitch.

North Lyme — Mrs. S. C. Jewett, Mrs. W. M. Sisson.

- Norwalk* — Rev. D. W. T. Van Dorn, Dea. M. W. Silliman, Mrs. M. W. Silliman, Charles Fost.
- Norwich*, First — Rev. H. E. Wise, Mrs. H. E. Wise, J. D. Lyman, Mrs. J. D. Lyman.
- Norwich*, Central — Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Mrs. Charles W. Gale, Miss Carrie Hopkins, Charles W. Whitney.
- Norwich*, Third — Rev. George C. Sauer, T. A. Perkins, Mrs. T. A. Perkins.
- North Colebrook* — Rev. J. C. Gavin, Mrs. J. C. Gavin.
- Packerville* — Rev. J. G. Ward, Mrs. J. W. Ward.
- Plantsville* — J. Bond, Mrs. G. R. Bond, E. R. Baldwin, A. H. Condell.
- Preston City* — Rev. N. B. Prindle.
- Putnam* — Rev. A. W. Hand, Hon. J. W. Manning, Mrs. J. B. Kent, C. E. Pierce.
- Rockville* — Rev. G. D. Gould, Mrs. G. D. Gould, Mrs. Lura Fisk.
- Rowayton* — Rev. Frank Brown.
- Scott Hill* — Rev. B. F. Nye, W. E. Mixer, O. M. Price, Mrs. O. M. Price.
- South Norwalk* — Rev. W. H. Hubbard.
- South Woodstock* — Rev. Daniel Cooksley.
- Shelton* — Rev. T. A. T. Hanna.
- Southington* — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, William Osborn, E. Atwood, Mrs. S. H. Nichols.
- Stamford* — Rev. George Braker, Mrs. George Braker, Rev. P. R. De Carlo.
- Stafford* — Rev. George Williams.
- Stratfield* — Rev. T. G. Denchfield.
- Sterling* — Rev. E. W. Darrow, J. S. Jones, Byron Tyler.
- Suffield*, Second — Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., Mrs. O. O. Fletcher, Mrs. A. B. Watson.
- Tariffville* — Rev. H. A. Price, Mrs. M. Sandford, Miss Louisa Noble.
- Torrington* — Rev. P. S. Evans, Mrs. P. S. Evans, W. E. French, Mrs. W. E. French.
- Thompson* — Rev. O. W. Foye, Mrs. O. W. Foye.
- Voluntown* — Rev. E. Dewhurst, Mrs. E. Dewhurst.
- Wallingford* — Rev. James A. Clarke, Dea. C. H. Brown, Miss Mary Blakeslee, D. E. Morris, Mrs. D. E. Morris.
- Waterbury*, First — Rev. F. J. Parry, D.D., A. J. Shipley, Mrs. A. J. Shipley, J. H. Tripp, Mrs. E. W. Smith, William O'Neil, Mrs. William O'Neil, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Dea. D. L. Smith, Dea. Edward Ashley, Mrs. Edward Ashley, F. Quison, Mrs. F. Quison.
- Waterbury*, Second — Rev. C. C. Smith, Mrs. C. C. Smith, Franklin Potter, Mrs. William Snagg, Mrs. J. Buchanan.
- Waterbury*, German — Rev. C. A. Schliß.
- Waterbury*, Grace Church — Rev. I. W. Reed.
- Waterford*, Second — Rev. J. Chester Hyde, Mrs. L. A. Comstock.
- Wethersfield* — Rev. W. P. Elsdén, Mrs. W. P. Elsdén.

West Hartford — Rev. H. R. Traver, Mrs. J. A. Porter.

Willington — Rev. C. L. Snow, Mrs. Stephen Slingly, Miss Mabel E. Clark.

Willimantic — Rev. E. A. Bowen, Dr. E. G. Sumner, Mrs. Nelson French, Miss Ada M. Bowen, Mrs. S. B. Doolittle, Mrs. Henry Fryer.

Winsted — Mrs. Charlotte N. Deming,

Eighty-eight churches; 273 delegates; 75 pastors.

STATISTICS
OF
CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NOTE—In compiling these statistics, the secretary has, in some instances, estimated the number of resident members, and the average attendance on the Sunday school.

Expenses of Young People's Societies are added in with Sunday school expenses. The benevolence of these societies is reckoned in the column of "Young People's Benevolence."

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for all Purposes.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday School Benevolence.		Total Benevolence.	
Andover.....	\$265 49																\$265 49
Brooklyn.....	711 00	\$18 89	\$14 00	\$12 75	\$13 25	\$11 00	\$11 00	\$28 00		\$10 00			\$2 00	\$5 51	\$107 51	837 40	15 40
Danielson.....	2,006 00	140 00	42 24	18 09	44 28	40 53	57 54	62 20		11 00		\$27 01			302 89	2,448 89	837 40
Eastford.....	251 00	12 00															263 00
Hamstead.....	456 50		7 00												19 00	79 50	554 00
Marion.....	2,348 18	99 90	1,302 20	62 99	106 18	75 00	64 80	49 00	\$25 60	100 00	4 45		24 42	25 00	1,897 50	4,345 07	1,939 30
Stamford.....	1,828 70	50 72	4 37		6 75	9 76	9 77								39 05	1,968 07	1,939 30
Thompson, Center.....	1,803 00	12 57	10 35	11 25	7 50	19 65	26 30	5 00		6 25					86 90	1,939 30	1,939 30
Thompson, East.....	302 00																302 00
Warrenville.....	606 35	30 00	4 12			20 35	10 25								16 36	682 57	682 57
Westford.....	425 50	5 30	5 00			2 50	2 00	1 30		1 50	2 00		5 00		46 22	441 60	441 60
Willimantic.....	2,057 70	181 80	96 80		71 82	46 00	60 00	72 50		25 16			18 36	14 77	448 41	2,687 97	2,687 97
Willington.....	791 10	80 20	14 00	14 50	233 15	4 50	7 50		2 55	36 00			15 25	11 50	338 95	1,210 25	1,210 25
Woodstock, West.....	945 00	14 60						21 24						3 00	24 24	969 84	969 84
Woodstock, South.....	549 50	20 00	5 00			8 75	10 25	20 00							44 00	613 50	613 50
Totals.....	\$14,157 14	733 98	1,505 68	119 58	482 93	259 54	275 77	285 74	31 15	189 91	11 95	127 96	74 03	78 78	3,442 42	18,333 48	18,333 48

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerk, Rev. T. G. Denchfield, Stratfield Road, Bridgeport. Next Meeting, Stamford, Sept. 24, 1902.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.				Pres't Condition			Sunday School.			Value of Church Property Free of Debt.			
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Brsasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrol'd	Res. Mem.			Total Enrol'd	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
														Men.	Women.				
Bridgeport, First.....	1837 Geo. W. Nicholson. '94	Geo. H. Noble...	26	33	2	2	20	23	15	9	..	4	574	*200	*300	346	210	...	\$96,500
" " E. Wash. Ave.....	1874 " " " " " "	Frank G. Finney...	10	8	...	...	9	9	3	3	...	3	260	93	167	298	167	...	18,000
" " German.....	1888 " " " " " "	Jacob Ratzlaff...	3	6	...	...	2	1	4	...	2	...	58	*19	*36	43	28	...	10,000
" " Immanuel.....	1889 W. A. Bronson.....	Chas. W. Phillips...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	104	71	103	70	...	5,400
" " Messiah.....	1888 W. N. Morton.....	Ross H. Farrar...	20	2	6	...	3	...	2	2	24	...	115	35	80	91	55	10	12,668
" " Sweden.....	1882 Thomas Clafford.....	A. H. Ahlberg...	3	10	1	1	9	...	5	1	...	1	174	*55	*105	169	85	...	4,900
Danbury, New Hope.....	1897 T. W. Garnett.....	M. L. Barber...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	5	14	18	10	...	...
" " Second.....	1799 A. C. Hubbard.....	M. J. Barber...	6	2	...	...	6	1	4	1	...	11	494	*150	*323	308	175	...	42,600
Easton.....	1831 R. H. Sherman.....	J. A. Walker...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	8	94	38	54	77	25	...	4,500
Greenwich.....	1897 " " " " " "	Jos. A. Walker...	...	1	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	3	16	20	20	27	20	...	...
New Canaan.....	1873 " " " " " "	A. A. Weed...	4	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	5	43	10	20	24	45	23	...	3,500
New Milford.....	1844 A. H. Mance.....	S. Couch...	3	...	...	...	5	1	1	...	1	63	17	31	30	33	33	...	...
Norwalk, Calvary.....	1857 De Witt Van Dorn.....	R. B. Williams...	3	2	6	...	...	4	...	1	...	1	25	9	16	40	35	2	2,000
" " First.....	1859 F. C. Brown.....	E. H. Ivory...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	268	88	150	162	85	...	5,800
Rowayton.....	1859 W. H. Hubbard.....	H. C. Sherer, M.D.	1	3	...	...	7	4	...	9	...	...	320	75	205	203	140	...	3,900
South Norwalk.....	1859 W. H. Hubbard.....	H. C. Sherer, M.D.	1	3	...	...	7	4	...	9	...	...	320	75	205	203	140	...	3,900
Stamford, First.....	1773 Geo. Baker, Jr.....	E. S. Waterbury...	10	5	4	5	...	...	17	11	...	14	397	98	100	169	108	...	60,000
" " Union.....	1868 Wm. O. Harris.....	G. W. Dorell...	4	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	35	16	36	56	35	1	2,550
Stepney.....	1868 F. P. Braman.....	Isaac B. Wilson...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	112	26	56	75	75	34	...	4,700
Stratfield.....	1781 T. G. Denchfield.....	D. E. Johnson...	1	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	51	15	30	79	32	...	9,000	
Stratford.....	1878 J. W. Ford.....	G. W. Drew...	3	2	5	1	...	7	1	...	...	45	9	19	52	25	...	3,000	
White Hills.....	1838 A. A. Bickford.....	" " " " " "	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	50	7	17	36	25	...	4,100
Totals.....	Pastors.....	19	102	85	29	4	72	60	45	40	2	3,620	1,033	1,896	2,500	1,471	13	\$310,998	

* Estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes.			
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.		Other Objects.	Sunday School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Bridgeport, First.....	\$667 39	\$208 03	\$750 00	\$163 76	\$441 01	\$177 85	\$92 99	\$218 81	.....	\$88 75	\$144 40	\$339 10	\$192 50	\$337 00	\$555 72	\$6,411 14
E. Wash. Ave.	2,031 00	150 00	30 79	28 24	25 47	18 72	17 00	74 08	\$1 00	31 20	4 73	63 36	25 37	7 66	137 60	2,478 81
" German.....	512 60	33 00	22 80	26 50	21 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 79	11 45	10 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	973 38
" Immanuel.....	995 00	35 00	.....	.....	5 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	130 75	12 00	152 75	1,047 31
" Messiah.....	908 40	51 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	7 15	18 08	.....	155 85	47 15	6 00	374 05	1,112 15
" Swede.....	2,058 37	52 41	5 00	5 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 50	2,483 83
Danbury, New Hope.....	96 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 50
Danbury, Second.....	4,260 00	150 00	40 00	35 00	40 00	14 84	15 00	7 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	45 00	.....	213 84	4,410 00
Easton.....	453 00	26 42	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	30 00	539 42
Greenwich.....	452 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	488 00
New Canaan.....	24 39	5 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	30 00
New Milford.....	974 34	25 00	10 00	10 00	10 30	10 30	33 50	30 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 34	11 05	118 19	1,120 35
Norwalk, Calvary.....	368 74	15 00	10 30	10 30	10 30	10 30	33 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 34	1,200 00
First.....	2,106 60	114 16	.....	.....	.....	34 00	33 00	9 00	.....	.....	20 00	18 40	43 00	23 82	186 82	2,311 85
Rowayton.....	1,077 70	78 99	27 00	28 48	4 50	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	93 66	1,280 35
South Norwalk.....	4,055 91	517 20	\$27 41	\$93 51	73 02	105 14	105 14	15 03	.....	.....	71 00	46 25	154 04	97 12	2,109 72	6,339 60
Stamford, First.....	3,417 11	118 55	40 98	39 43	103 01	\$2 50	243 65	63 92	15 69	21 19	.....	327 33	213 77	46 02	1,107 59	4,793 25
Union.....	521 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	523 00
Stepney.....	750 00	50 00	13 00	13 00	12 55	15 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	121 55	921 55
Stratford.....	1,500 00	50 00	7 71	7 71	9 86	25 62	25 62	19 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 63	1,657 63
White Hills.....	353 70	13 50	10 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	2 00	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	378 20
Totals.....\$	33,997 14	1,350 78	1,503 48	891 78	1,210 82	411 04	596 15	563 06	32 63	140 47	269 88	888 33	857 14	279 48	7,494 68	42,747 06

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerk, Rev. F. D. Elmer, Winsted.

Next Meeting, Sept. 17, 1902

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Incr. ase.				Decrease.				Pres't Condition.			Sunday School.	Value of Church Property free of Debt.			
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Loss.	Total Enrolled	Res. Mem.					
														Men.			Women.		
Bantam.....	1850	F. S. Leathers.....'99	Edgar F. Wedge										54	8	15	30	15	53,500	
Bloomfield.....	1786	A. B. Todd.....'00	A. Kelly.....										41	16	17	36	38	4,500	
Bristol.....	1791	H. Clarke.....'01	Wm. W. Russell	7	5			5	1		1	5	441	128	225	345	162	25,000	
Canton.....	1787	J. W. Higgins.....'00	B. O. Higley.....										2	1	2	25	20	3,500	
Colebrook, North.....	1794	J. C. Gavin.....'00	Orrin W. Oles.....		1	2		2					14	5	9	12	18	3,000	
Colebrook, South.....	1848	J. C. Gavin.....'00	J. A. Moore.....										1	1	2	18		2,500	
Cornwall, East.....	1843	F. S. Leathers.....'99	Amy M. Hoffman	2	2								44	9	14	25	18	1,000	
Cornwall, Hollow.....	1863	F. S. Leathers.....'99	E. H. Ocaim.....										30	4	7	14	10	1,000	
Hartford, Asylum Ave.....	1872	G. M. Stone, D.D.....'72	H. H. Burdick.....										166	91	166	173	113	51,000	
Hartford, First.....	1792	Harold Pattison.....'96	C. P. Gladding.....	13	8	1		16	28	12	34	24	624	185	345	574	271	100,000	
Hartford, Memorial.....	1884	H. M. Thompson.....'88	A. C. Ode.....		3	3		3	4		2	3	271	89	130	200	3	20,000	
Hartford, North.....	1826	J. C. Thompson.....'88	Ed. Gould.....	5	5								92	23	40	175	110	4	
Hartford, Shiloh.....	1850	J. W. Tyler.....'97	J. C. Wood.....		3	4	1	1			10	10	136	30	50			2,200	
Hartford, South.....	1834	John Friberg.....'93	W. C. Augur.....	9	0	2	12				10	2	518	152	277	320	170	5	
Hartford, Sweden.....	1888	John Erickson.....'99	John Erickson.....	9	9	1	5				6	1	88	23	53	138	80	1	
Hartford, Union.....	1878	Walter Gay.....'00	H. S. Johnson.....	2	5								221	49	99	138	80	1	
New Britain, First.....	1868	J. H. Strong.....'97	W. F. Walker.....	3	5			11			4	5	511	150	285	467	223	3	
New Britain, German.....	1883	P. A. Friederickson.....'01	A. F. Eichstaedt.....					2	7	3	2	7	140	45	55	95	85	6	
New Britain, Sweden.....	1892	J. E. Klingberg.....'00	Edward Peterson.....	11	7	1		7			8		112	51	61	53	44	4	
New Hartford.....	1859	J. W. Higgins.....'00	Jas. E. Stanley.....										37	10	20	39	20	4	
Nataville.....	1857	J. C. Duncan.....'96	A. H. Condell.....	1	2						1	5	117	30	65	120	74	12,500	
Rochester.....	1857	C. H. Gould.....'00	Geo. E. Perkins.....					1	6				89	17	31	75	35	5,000	
South Windsor.....	1832	C. H. Gould.....'00	F. E. Hastings.....										28	1	28	12	10	5,900	
Suffield, First.....	1829	Harvey Linsley.....'92	M. H. Smith.....	8	2			4			10	4	402	118	160	179	96	4	
Suffield, Second.....	1860	O. O. Fletcher, D.D.....'96	Martin H. Smith.....										61	20	27	47	25	5,000	
Tariffville.....	1838	H. A. Price.....'99	I. A. Allison.....										97	36	47	167	85	12,000	
Torrington, Calvary.....	1896	P. S. Evans.....'99	Mrs. M. S. Parker.....	5				6	1				2	97	36	47	167	85	12,000
West Hartford.....	1857	H. R. Traver, Acting.....	Benj. Desjardins.....	2	12						1	11	35	15	20	59	33	6,000	
Wethersfield.....	1783	W. P. Elson.....'97	L. A. Elson.....										47	8	39	30	24	8,000	
Winsted.....	1890	Frank H. D. Elmer.....'01	Clifford L. Marsh.....	6	6	2		12	8			6	166	43	85	156	87	7,000	
Totals.....Churches, 30		Pastors.....26		93	96	21	7	108	34	47	62	34	4,819	1,814	2,400	3,704	2,066	39	\$240,400

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total Benevolence.		Money Raised For all Purposes.
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Women's Home Missions.	Women's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday School Benevolence.	
Bantam.....	\$218 47	\$12 00	\$5 00		\$2 00	\$2 00									\$239 47
Bloomfield.....	528 89	49 59	10 00	\$5 85	9 85						\$4 00		\$11 00	\$19 60	50 30
Bristol.....	3,931 26	297 41	77 50	60 00	45 00	\$7 56	\$73 00	\$75 67			25 00	\$45 00	125 42	26 71	4,839 47
Canton.....	200 00	25 00													225 00
Colbrook, North.....	123 42	1 31	1 00	1 00	1 00										129 73
Colbrook, South.....	166 00	6 00	2 54	2 00											188 29
Cornwall, East.....	199 40	17 28	8 00												216 68
Cornwall, West.....	515 80	23 00	23 00												538 80
Cornwall, Ashm. Ave.....	7,564 00	402 03	200 00	300 00	162 15	76 00	130 00	55 00		\$1 00	5 00				8,064 18
Hartford, First.....	7,604 00	402 03	200 00	300 00	162 15	76 00	130 00	55 00		174 00	10 00	493 00	1,216 00	183 78	12,562 41
Hartford, Memorial.....	3,260 60	125 00	20 75	31 92	24 59	16 59	5 00	36 55		19 00	4 00	7 00	72 85	21 72	3,835 62
Hartford, Olivet.....	945 41	125 00	13 68	16 59	16 27			5 20		10 39	14 81	10 00	9 81	15 00	1,182 16
Hartford, Shiloh*.....	500 00	25 00													525 00
Hartford, South.....	5,224 66	285 92	120 00	93 00	532 00	\$2 54	107 50	169 50		85 00		192 52	186 62	25 98	7,004 24
Hartford, Sweden.....	2,115 36	58 62	16 00	20 00	30 63				2 70			19 65	42 00		2,304 96
Hartford, Union.....	1,098 40	190 00		23 14	8 00			26 85		8 96		15 89	15 00	30 00	1,415 84
New Britain, First.....	4,010 00	229 19	127 55	51 47	99 06	111 00	253 61	63 35		26 23			100 75	10 00	5,052 19
New Britain, German.....	1,001 41	88 41	6 84	29 45	54 60			25 00		31 35		15 80	112 00	35 00	1,326 67
New Britain, Swede, E.....	1,012 61	38 00	21 95	19 43	34 49				5 91			19 80			1,136 67
New Britain, Swede, W.....	430 00	53 04	1 80												483 84
Plainville.....	1,643 85	75 08	7 00	10 76	8 55	13 00	5 00	62 42		6 80		15 00	2 42	43 22	1,872 41
Rockville.....	677 00	15 75		7 30	26 00	11 59	12 00							153 92	830 90
South Windsor.....	661 50	4 00	16 00	14 00	44 40	14 50	12 00		6 50	50 00	3 00			165 40	737 55
Suffield, First.....	2,486 12	239 59	36 15	143 00	236 00	204 84	203 00	71 50				155 86	238 00	59 14	4,084 20
Suffield, Second.....	801 00	15 00	3 00	3 00					20 00	3 00					840 00
Tariffville.....	1,140 02	201 81	50 69	23 00	17 30	17 30	15 00				5 00	26 00		17 76	1,534 98
Torrington, Calvary.....	658 39	33 71	9 10	10 00	15 00				4 50						738 60
West Hartford.....	523 62	179 32	29 53	8 92	5 05	8 94	8 94	25 00		4 11	8 26	22 49		15 00	1,131 94
Wethersfield.....	1,215 20								12 68						1,227 88
Windsor.....															63,840 17
Totals.....	\$48,869 47	3,211 89	1,049 08	1,035 98	2,999 41	666 68	926 74	1,237 36	224 29	344 44	79 09	1,037 21	2,321 45	513 98	63,840 17

* No returns, estimated by Secretary.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerk, Rev. D. W. Phelps New Haven.

Next Meeting, Southington, Oct. 1, 1902.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.			Pres't Condition.			Sunday School.		Value of Church Property of Debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Expene.	Restorat'n	Letter.	Brsure.	Exclusion.	Dath.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.		Men.	W'm'n	Average Attendance.	Total Added to Church.
Ansonia, First	1874	W. D. McKinney '84	W. H. Fielding.	9	5	2	1	6	2	5	3	1	426	132	238	105	9	\$96,900	
" " Macdonia	1860	W. R. Roscoe	G. W. Austin.	3	4	5	1	16	14	1	1	26	86	30	56	80	...	8,000	
Branford	1838	Joseph McKean '97	W. E. Beach.	3	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	26	132	33	67	110	80	8,400	
Cheshire	1838	H. M. Chidsey	H. M. Chidsey	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	20	18	28	20	12	13,500	
Clinton	1797	H. E. Williams.	H. E. Williams.	5	5	1	2	3	1	1	7	1	170	37	79	156	59	3	
Cromwell	1797	S. W. Delzell '99	W. H. Kelsey, 2d	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	7	1	127	31	62	77	30	6,000	
Deep River	1830	Walter V. Gray '97	A. B. Ardman.	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	225	80	145	90	60	12,000	
Essex	1811	Geo. H. Gardner '96	E. C. Williams	8	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	215	55	110	116	4	13,800	
Haddam (P. O. Shalerwile)	1822	R. Ashworth '00	Mrs. S. Gilbert	27	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	383	15	398	66	...	5,000	
Meriden, First	1798	F. S. Hubbard	F. S. Hubbard	27	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	584	170	326	367	26	20,000	
" " German.	1861	C. F. Knorr.	John Gunther.	6	9	1	6	4	1	1	8	1	92	24	55	91	60	8,000	
" " Main Street.	1874	C. J. Greenwood.	Chas. D. Beach.	10	4	1	7	1	1	2	3	1	344	105	171	182	149	3	
" " Swede.	1887	Wm. Kohler.	Eric Johnson.	1	16	1	9	1	1	4	5	1	475	139	300	324	145	7,650	
Middletown	1795	R. Maplesden.	Isaac G. Newell.	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	35	10	20	39	...	...
Millford	1829	A. R. B. Harrod.	A. R. B. Taylor.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	12	32	34	...	...
Montwese.	1811	Chas. W. Jackson.	John L. Larkins	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	954	329	517	812	...	...
New Haven, Calvary	1871	Geo. H. Ferris.	A. I. Ward.	34	39	1	11	1	1	10	49	1	540	169	260	166	...	...
" " First	1816	Otto Koening.	F. H. Cram.	1	1	1	6	1	1	5	11	1	289	67	122	109	...	...
" " German Ave.	1863	R. W. Stone.	John Fischer.	10	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	134	101	173	4	...	...
" " Hope	1892	E. C. Sage, Ph D.	M. E. Chipman	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	72	185	105	...	...
" " Howard Ave.	1840	Adan C. Cutten.	Geo. E. Chipman	27	1	3	4	1	1	5	25	1	427	157	270	185	...	...
" " Immanuel.	1851	Adam C. Powell.	Geo. Saulsbury.	27	1	3	4	1	1	5	25	1	427	157	270	185	...	...
" " Olivet.	1894	C. L. King.	C. L. King.	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	154	124	206	124	...	...
" " Swede.	1882	A. E. Lundeen.	C. E. Ekstrom.	35	9	6	2	1	1	5	43	1	83	25	90	75	...	...
Plantville	1872	G. M. Gathen.	I. Bond.	3	3	1	6	1	1	2	118	22	55	91	40	2	...	...
Saybrook (P. O. Winthrop)	1744	Geo. F. Love.	Flora L. Hull.	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	35	2	9	...	...	4,200
Shelton	1882	T. A. T. Hanna.	R. S. Norton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	84	21	37	...	...	3,000
Southington	1739	J. R. Stubbett.	R. C. Osborne.	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	149	38	76	...	...	31,000
Wallingford	1879	James A. Clarke.	Howard James.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	1	268	110	310	...	...	9
Waterbury, First	1804	F. J. Parry, D.D.	Henry W. Sanford	43	23	1	10	1	1	43	7	1	745	398	778	...	...	65,000
" " Second	1894	C. F. Phillips.	Henry W. Sanford	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	113	93	40	...	...	4,000
" " German	1894	C. C. Smith.	R. C. Lowry	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	1	79	16	41	...	...	10,000
Yalesville	1876	Pastors.	Pastors.	256	156	28	140	57	22	100	130	1	7,855	2,287	4,082	6,380	...	4,000	
Totals.....	Churches, 35	Pastors.	Pastors.	256	156	28	140	57	22	100	130	1	7,855	2,287	4,082	6,380	3,925	\$541,700	

* Including missions.

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FINANCIAL TABLES.

HOME EXPENSES.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total.		Money Raised for all Purposes.	
Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Young People's Soc'y.	Bible and Publicat'n	Minister's Educat'n	Min. and Wid. Fund	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sund- school	Benev.			
Ansonia, First.	\$1,965 95	\$205 88	\$103 10	\$59 20	\$100 00	\$45 00	\$46 65	\$55 00	\$25 00	\$15 00	\$8 00	\$36 72	\$36 96	\$12 00	\$9 105	\$79 95	\$7,781 82
" " Maccodonia.	1,465 00	50 00															1,507 00
Branford.	954 03	81 91															1,032 73
Cheshire.																	
Clinton.	1,419 13	60 91															1,598 73
Cromwell.	836 92	15 36	10 00	10 00	13 85	14 00	23 00	45 00	15 00	15 00	5 17						953 63
Darien.	875 50	65 40	24 57	24 57	23 68	34 00	25 00	45 00	15 00	15 00	5 17						1,032 73
Dover River.	1,525 56	66 73	42 15	42 15	25 97	45 00	45 00	45 00	15 00	15 00	5 17						1,666 58
Essex.	2,225 56	109 61	40 63	40 63	25 97	45 00	45 00	45 00	15 00	15 00	5 17						2,382 75
Haddam.																	5 00
Meriden, First.	3,817 06	\$445 02	64 26	112 94	140 83	184 05	247 95	\$118 78	39 49	99 47	48 14	62 39	590 32	267 33	1,065 95	6,220 03	
" " German.	854 43	23 65	15 00	31 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	31 00	31 00	9 65	12 00	10 75	82 48	144 65	1,022 73	
" " Main Street.	2,824 57	182 46	14 06	14 00	51 00	68 00	11 00	7 50	10 00	10 00		34 00	68 00	149 57	3,888 32	1,390 94	
Middletown.	1,142 92	98 45	12 35	10 00	7 72							201 42	169 76	5 00	824 46	3,629 60	
Millford.	2,203 19	601 95		85 00	76 00			267 85			19 43	8 00	2 00	3 00	20 00	703 00	
Montwese.	627 00	59 00															627 00
Montwese, Culvary.	830 00	44 95															875 95
New Haven.	6,692 86	\$86 32	63 61	300 84	491 62	236 61	117 86	85 00				346 57	1,128 60	87 55	2,857 70	10,138 87	
" " First.	3,881 00		24 50	115 00	44 25	95 00	87 59	35 00				220 15	60 16	143 33	834 54	4,065 74	
" " Grand.	1,584 36		24 50	115 00	44 25	95 00	87 59	35 00				220 15	60 16	143 33	834 54	4,065 74	
" " Grand Ave.	1,584 36		24 50	115 00	44 25	95 00	87 59	35 00				220 15	60 16	143 33	834 54	4,065 74	
" " Hope.	2,155 76	308 39	27 00	59 00	60 00	33 41	16 25	6 83	6 83	6 83		40 80				2,155 76	
" " Howard Ave.	1,359 71	112 77	10 26	7 00	14 25	59 63	71 24	21 24	13 76			109 16	44 59			1,359 71	
" " Immanuel.	1,370 69	82 10	2 00					2 90									1,370 69
" " Olivet.	1,953 61	161 12	1 40	60 00	24 20	18 00		2 90									1,953 61
" " Sweden.	825 08	89 92															825 08
Plantville.	1,101 99	56 54	4 25														1,101 99
Saybrook.	630 49																630 49
Shelton.	868 00		12 00														868 00
Shelton, First.	1,340 17	105 97	20 00	57 00	95 00	94 59	38 00	70 45									1,340 17
Waterbury, First.	8,905 00	99 45	73 00	430 71	336 71	58 50	58 50	33 00	10 00	10 00		88 57	1,025 72	290 00	3,073 32	11,065 73	
" " German.	8,905 00	103 05	12 00	38 00	125 00	39 00	2 90	10 05	19 47	4 00							8,905 00
" " Second.	2,350 77	103 05	5 00					6 67									2,350 77
Yalesville.	\$1,200 00	50 00															1,250 00
Totals.	\$7,660 90	4,905 74	772 10	1,107 60	1,990 29	1,270 19	1,022 92	1,033 16	165 96	316 44	146 57	1,799 83	4,138 65	1,207 95	14,922 49		87,320 63

* Including mission schools.

† Estimated by Secretary.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Next Meeting, First New London, Sept. 10, 1902.

Clerk, Rev. G. C. Sauer, Norwich.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	When Organized.	Increase.			Decrease.				Pres't Condition.		Sunday School.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.		Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.		Total Enrol'd.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
																			Res. Mem.	Women.
Bozrah (P. O. Leffingwell)	1831	C. H. Peckham	'97	Lewis Ford	4	2				1	4	75	25	32	40	30	1	5,000	
Chesfield	1824	Mrs. Katie Fox										53	5	6				1,000	
Colchester	1836	C. I. Ramsey	'01	E. R. Sherman, Jr.	7	2	1	4			2	4	103	36	67	70	40	6	3,500
Scott's Hill	1786	B. F. Nye	'99	Wm. E. Mixer	3							71	23	21	38	24		2,000	
E. Haddam (P. O. Moodus)	1810	W. E. Johnsons		J. E. Emmons							2	7	41	21	59	19		3,900	
Fitchville	1887	R. E. Turner	'91	W. D. Thatcher								77	24	32	65	45		2,500	
Lake's Pond	1840	R. E. Turner	'91	May A. Chappell								71	14	22				1,800	
Lebanon	1895	R. E. Turner	'92	A. C. Barker	2	4					2	3	175	50	90	75	44		4,000
Lyme, East	1793	C. M. Reed	'01	John B. Ratrouns	7	1					2	2	173	39	64	146	63		4,000
" North	1810	C. C. Luther	'01	C. S. Jewett	4							1	124	39	49	94	35		2,500
" Old	1842	J. R. Very	'98	S. J. Smith	1						3	2	96	25	43	69	26		4,200
Montville, Union	1842	S. G. Hastings	'96	Mrs. S. Hastings	2	2						127	30	64	179	71	1	7,000	
New London, First	1804	F. G. McKeever	'93	Joseph Starr	1						17	19	486	150	250	342	145	5	30,000
Huntington St.	1849	Joseph A. Elder	'99	W. M. Slocum	4						4	3	381	66	133	235	132	3	20,000
Shiloh	1855	Thos. L. Crocker	'97	Mary Hughes	8	1						26	7	12					7,000
Niantic	1843	C. F. Eldredge	'08	Gas. A. Stanton	8						4	5	406	243	327	467	24		18,500
Norwich	1849	J. D. Herr, D.D.	'91	Geo. A. Smith	30	4					6	3	282	74	155	255	176	3	19,435
" Mt. Calvary	1871	Herbert E. Wise	'97	A. G. Thornton	14						11	125	33	66	70	52		1,800	
" Third	1845	Geo. C. Sauer	'98	David Green	9	6					3	12	107	30	50	102	70	7	11,150
Quaker Hill	1835	J. Chester Hyde	'93	Mrs. L. Comstock	4						1	1	124	35	47	95	50		4,900
Salem (P. O. G'dners L'ke)	1765	I. Stoddard		I. Stoddard	1							30	6	12	14	9		4,200	
Waterford, First	1710	H. M. Wolfe, Jr.	'92	C. H. P. Gates	1						9	10	425	150	169	165	100		11,400
Totals.....Churches, 23		Pastors,.....18		91	35	2	1	48	12	1	68	4,056	1,168	1,805	2,678	1,442	58	\$197,475	

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.											Money Raised for all Purposes.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.		Sunday School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Bozrah	\$551 00	\$6 34	\$8 84	\$13 00	\$21 84				\$5 72	\$3 12	\$3 64				\$56 16	\$614 00
Chesterfield																
Colchester Borough	696 85	21 96									4 00			\$8 28	25 63	744 44
Scott's Hill	150 00	8 00													8 35	166 35
East Haddam	500 00	25 48														595 48
Fitchville	579 66	14 55	5 00												5 00	599 21
Lake's Pond																
Lebanon	865 00	23 38	5 00	5 00				\$75 00		35 00			10 00		90 00	978 38
Lyme, East	995 45	30 63	5 55	22 10							1 50				175 00	1,172 80
Lyme, North	543 00	39 63	20 00	20 00	20 00	\$15 00	20 00	24 73	2 40	5 00		5 00		9 00	280 00	723 40
" Old	682 00	21 00	10 00	5 00	4 00									9 00	20 00	712 40
Montville, Union	958 94	78 51	4 90	7 35	27 50	25 81						\$10 00		6 05	88 96	1,266 41
New London, First	4,068 41	132 30	35 31	89 20	72 23	37 00	61 28		135 75	54 83	44 95	41 35	244 00	130 00	1,236 13	5,436 84
" Huntingt'n St.	2,580 00	174 00	21 75	40 00	45 00	38 50	76 36	73 70			19 00	50 00	208 86	77 97	741 14	3,495 14
" Shiloh																
Niantic	859 00	32 96	15 00	19 43	17 78	8 67	19 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 64	126 50	33 37	124 89	1,016 85	
Norwich, Central	5,021 76	195 46	105 00	110 00	268 72	59 72	81 95	119 53	50 00	30 00	60 00	126 50	55 00	212 45	1,278 50	6,495 72
" First	2,834 41	118 38	32 00	29 75	101 59	17 25	18 58		3 00	10 00	5 00	39 00	9 75	268 84	3,221 63	
" Mt. Calvary																
" Third	785 12	70 88	3 40	3 01	20 45			21 13				26 07			77 13	933 13
Quaker Hill	718 80	109 37	15 05	18 95	17 90	1 00	17 90		2 15	2 15	3 13	6 28	4 02	2 00	104 00	928 52
Salem	107 80	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00										4 00	127 50
Waterford, First	1,084 35	108 50	11 20	2 50	20 35	6 31	12 00	30 25		8 15		154 50	24 10	5 00	274 30	1,467 21
Totals	\$24,578 04	1,186 67	299 00	364 28	540 77	335 24	348 63	482 09	122 10	140 37	141 26	656 35	738 53	451 75	4,580 43	30,855 17

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Clerk, Rev. E. Dewhurst, Volvontown. Next Meeting, Stonington, June 18, 1902.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.			Decrease.			Pres't Condition.		Sunday School.		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.				
				Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Misasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.		Total Enrolled	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.	
Groton, First.....	1705	H. W. Wilson.....'99	Simson Gallup..	8	1	2	1	2	1	3	3	208	35	56	186	78	9	11,000
Groton Heights.....	1843	Langley B. Sears...'00	J. F. Edgcomb...	7	4	2	1	6	1	3	7	271	78	131	280	124	12	12,650
Jewett City.....	1840	John W. Payne...'89	J. E. Phillips...	3	2	2	1	6	1	3	7	184	54	91	202	106	13	13,900
Maurel Glen.....	1894	.....	C. P. Holdridge..	2	6	1	1	11	1	9	12	32	12	14	53	22	2	2,900
Mythic Union.....	1763	Byron U. Hatfield...'00	J. O. Fish.....	2	2	2	1	11	1	9	12	574	166	362	245	127	2	21,000
Norfolk.....	1843	E. E. Gates.....'00	W. A. Fraser.....	2	2	2	1	8	1	3	5	384	150	239	289	139	1	8,000
No. Stonington, First.....	1741	.....	H. F. York.....	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	5	89	37	80	16	10	2	2,050
" Second.....	1765	.....	G. A. Thompson..	7	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	160	23	54	76	49	15	3,000
" Third.....	1827	.....	Chas. E. Hopkins..	7	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	160	23	54	76	49	15	3,000
Packerville.....	1792	John G. Ward.....'01	W. Tillinghast...	7	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	192	85	70	124	77	5	12,000
Plainfield, Union.....	1856	F. H. Cooper.....'99	Daniel Morgan...	7	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	129	33	67	120	52	5	5,000
Poquonnoc Bridge.....	1856	N. B. Prindle.....'00	D. T. Richards...	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	121	39	45	133	65	9,000	
Preston City.....	1812	E. Darrow.....'01	S. P. Green.....	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	81	10	24	54	30	3,450	
Sterling.....	1815	.....	M. A. Pendleton..	3	2	2	1	1	1	5	1	367	102	184	215	84	31,000	
Stonington, First.....	1775	.....	Stiles H. F. Ross..	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	28	5	12	30	16	2,350
Stonington, Third.....	1850	.....	.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	28	5	12	30	16	2,350
Voluntown.....	1832	E. Dewhurst.....'83	.....	44	21	3	2	35	5	1	4	149	30	70	71	41	.....	6,500
Totals,.....Churches, 17.....		Pastors,.....11	.....	44	21	3	2	35	5	1	4	3,226	811	1,495	2,118	1,067	16	\$153,450

* These figures estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for all Purposes.	
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Fund and Home.	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.	Sunday School Benevolence.		Total Benevolence.
Groton, First.....	\$1,002 00	\$95 25	\$7 40	\$8 90	\$9 90	\$12 70	\$13 70	\$13 70	.....	\$5 34	\$6 19	\$13 00	.....	\$21 20	86¢	\$1,960 75
Groton Heights.....	1,359 90	120 13	25 60	39 05	32 50	1 49	18 00	.....	\$13 00	.....	4 00	42 32	.....	32 27	240 13	1,937 35
Jewett City.....	1,080 73	85 15	25 60	18 10	36 50	77 32	53 68	\$11 17	.....	15 17	7 00	5 00	10 00	27 16	280 65	1,446 53
Laurel Glen.....	303 25	8 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	312 22
Mystic Union.....	2,472 00	125 00	97 49	110 62	101 63	73 80	82 90	39 77	.....	.....	.....	80 65	125 63	120 00	961 79	3,558 79
Noank.....	1,695 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,741 83
No. Stonington, First.....	1,608 00	11 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,437 45
" Second.....	142 67	8 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	177 32
" Third.....	679 00	.....	.....	7 55	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	153 04
Packerville.....	401 50	.....	4 00	7 20	9 70	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Plainfield, Union.....	993 50	.....	26 60	9 32	22 78	39 38	58 00	11 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 55
Poquonnoc Bridge.....	402 51	34 53	10 00	5 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 05
Preston City.....	1,072 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 13
Sterling.....	446 00	.....	10 00	6 00	.....	4 83	6 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75
Stonington, First.....	2,482 79	133 49	95 54	83 88	110 80	65 00	54 25	16 67	5 71	3 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 87
" Third.....	404 72	35 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 87
Voluntown.....	702 00	20 00	5 00	7 50	7 60	7 00	3 00	16 35	2 35	10 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Totals.....	\$15,724 76	778 50	379 64	353 77	508 86	412 71	424 37	120 57	21 06	119 62	59 42	165 07	466 40	382 80	3,424 31	\$18,989 66

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Pastors.	Increase.				Decrease.				Past Condition.			Sunday School.		Value of Church Property	Debt.			
			Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Brasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Gain.	Loss.	Total Enrolled.	Men.	Women.			Total Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Added to Church.
Ashford.....	Churches, 15	Pastors, 13	66	33	3	2	44	62	....	38	....	40	1,811	429	844	1,586	788	47	\$18,300
Fairfield.....	" 22	" 19	102	85	29	4	72	60	45	40	....	40	3,620	1,033	1,933	2,896	1,471	13	310,898
Hartford.....	" 30	" 25	93	96	21	7	108	34	47	62	....	34	4,819	1,814	2,400	3,794	2,066	39	520,460
New Haven.....	" 35	" 30	256	156	28	9	140	57	22	100	130	....	7,855	2,287	4,082	6,350	3,625	148	51,790
New London.....	" 23	" 18	91	35	2	1	48	12	1	68	....	....	4,956	1,168	1,895	2,678	1,442	58	107,475
Stonington Union.....	" 17	" 11	44	21	3	2	35	5	....	59	....	29	3,226	811	1,425	2,118	1,067	16	153,450
Totals.....	Churches, 142	Pastors, 116	652	426	86	25	447	230	115	367	25	....	25,387	7,542	12,452	18,966	10,459	321	\$1,842,323

FINANCIAL TABLES — SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.											Money Raised for all Purposes.		
	Church.	School.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young People's Benevolence.	Bible and Publication Society.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' and Widows' Fund	Support of Church Poor.	Other Objects.		Sunday School Benevolence.	Total Benevolence.
Ashford.....	14,157 14	738 98	1,505 68	119 58	482 03	269 54	275 77	285 74	31 15	189 91	11 95	127 96	74 03	78 78	3,442 42	18,333 48
Fairfield.....	33,927 14	1,350 78	4,593 48	891 78	1,210 82	411 04	596 15	567 36	33 44	140 47	269 88	888 33	857 14	279 48	7,494 08	42,747 06
Hartford.....	48,866 47	3,211 89	10,049 08	1,035 98	2,299 41	666 68	926 71	1,235 26	37 03	344 44	79 09	1,037 21	2,321 45	513 95	11,861 19	63,840 17
New Haven.....	67,660 90	4,905 74	772 10	1,107 60	1,909 29	1,270 19	1,022 92	1,033 16	165 96	316 44	146 57	1,759 83	1,158 65	1,205 95	14,922 49	87,320 63
New London.....	24,578 04	1,186 67	299 00	364 28	540 77	335 24	348 63	485 09	122 10	140 37	141 26	165 07	758 33	481 75	4,350 37	30,355 17
Stonington Union.....	15,724 76	778 55	379 64	353 77	598 86	412 71	424 37	120 57	21 06	110 62	59 42	165 07	466 40	382 60	3,424 31	18,939 66
Totals,.....	200,897 45	12,172 56	5,508 98	3,872 99	6,952 08	3,355 40	3,594 58	3,721 98	897 19	1,251 25	708 17	4,674 75	8,596 20	3,914 74	45,725 52	261,536 17

SUMMARY FOR 1877-1901.

CHURCHES.										HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.														
TOTALS BY YEARS.										CONTRIBUTIONS FOR														
Pastors.	No. of Churches.	ADDED BY					Total Membership	Home Expenses.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' F'd and Minis- ters.	Women's Home Missions Society.	Women's Foreign Missions Society.	Bible and Publication Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Average per Member.	Total for all Objects.				
		Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.															Death.			
1877.....	101	747,998	70,323,963	145	66,255,000	60,999	142,345	97	31,458	83,995	703,551	54,423	630	3,099	32,691	684	13,716	963	7,004	963	330,611	188	760,906	
1878.....	121	835,994	51,755,416	338	52,205,000	20,677	142,100	87	697	3,441	358	3,773	27	3,099	32,691	684	13,716	963	7,004	963	330,611	188	760,906	
1879.....	119	835,994	51,755,416	338	52,205,000	20,677	142,100	87	697	3,441	358	3,773	27	3,099	32,691	684	13,716	963	7,004	963	330,611	188	760,906	
1880.....	120	835,994	51,755,416	338	52,205,000	20,677	142,100	87	697	3,441	358	3,773	27	3,099	32,691	684	13,716	963	7,004	963	330,611	188	760,906	
1881.....	120	838,311	55,043,227	76,287	60,536	20,810	149,324	60	677	4,181	2,474	3,703	62	5,000	21	277	99	3,158	60	568	87	130,435	28	876,456
1882.....	121	897,422	41,337,378	134	63,536	20,810	134,572	54	670	4,183	5,897	6,004	58	5,004	58	75	1,000	8,357	11	21,245	14	170,435	82	917,366
1883.....	121	897,422	41,337,378	134	63,536	20,810	134,572	54	670	4,183	5,897	6,004	58	5,004	58	75	1,000	8,357	11	21,245	14	170,435	82	917,366
1884.....	125	769,384	71,755,444	255	60,270	21,558	147,019	65	747	4,509	70	4,537	39	3,381	36	299	50	3,103	31	1,499	97	29,385	77	176,041
1885.....	126	743,697	70,303,824	104	79,354	21,755	101,063	19	586	2,845	32	4,386	95	3,541	36	346	80	3,806	40	1,54	52	6,699	99	174,890
1886.....	126	594,104	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1887.....	128	799,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1888.....	130	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1889.....	130	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1890.....	130	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1891.....	130	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1892.....	130	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1893.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1894.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1895.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1896.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1897.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1898.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1899.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092
1900.....	131	747,433	75,284,325	206	99,279	21,686	144,528	24	657	3,4	2,87	4,108	19	4,698	44	238	59	3,132	38	2,905	00	1,192	30	181,092

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford, in October, 1823. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1826. For the data previous to 1840 see former minutes.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1840	Essex	George Reed	William Reid	F. Wightman	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	R. Babcock	John 4:35-38.
1842	Middletown	D. Ives	J. S. Eaton	T. C. Teasdale	
1843	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	J. Dowling	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven	A. Parker	E. Savage	D. Ives	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London	J. S. Swan	E. Savage	A. Parker	Nun. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	A. G. Palmer	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River	R. Turnbull	E. Cushman	J. S. Swan	Nun. 14: 8.
1848	Suffield	D. Ives	E. Cushman	E. Cushman	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol	H. Miller	E. Cushman	E. T. Hiscock	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington	E. T. Hiscock	E. Cushman	C. Willett	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven	J. S. Swan	E. Cushman	J. N. Murdock	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich	William Reid	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford	J. N. Murdock	E. Cushman	H. Miller	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden	L. Lewis	E. Cushman	J. L. Hodge	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown	W. S. Clapp	E. Cushman	W. Reid	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London	C. Willett	E. Cushman	A. D. Denison	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington	F. Denison	E. Cushman	J. A. Bailey	Psaln 130: 4.
1859	Hartford	S. D. Phelps	E. Cushman	W. Fitz	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven	P. G. Wightman	E. Cushman	J. P. Brown	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich	D. Ives	E. Cushman	D. H. Miller	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford	J. P. Brown	E. Cushman	D. Ives	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Williamantic	C. S. Weaver	E. Cushman	C. B. Crane	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex	George Lovis	E. Cushman	G. M. Stone	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury	S. Graves	E. Cushman	S. D. Phelps	1 Tim. 3: 25.
1866	Hartford	J. A. Bailey	E. Cushman	I. H. Gilbert	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River	C. B. Crane	E. Cushman	R. Turnbull	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven	A. C. Bronson	E. Cushman	E. Lathrop	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River	R. J. Adams	E. Cushman	B. S. Morse	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain	A. P. Buell	J. A. Bailey	H. G. Mason	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	G. L. Hunt	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury	James L. Howard	J. A. Bailey	A. G. Palmer	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven	James L. Howard	K. Turnbull	A. J. Sage	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	C. E. Smith	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	
1876	Suffield	James L. Howard	R. Turnbull	A. C. Hubbard	Zech. 4: 16.
1877	Norwich	A. G. Palmer	R. Turnbull	F. F. Emerson	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden	E. Lathrop	T. A. T. Hanna	J. Davis	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	B. F. Bronson	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. M. Taylor	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London	A. J. Sage	T. A. T. Hanna	J. R. Stubbett	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	G. H. Miner	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven	W. S. Bronson	T. A. T. Hanna	M. H. Pogsom	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	O. C. Sargent	Luke 2: 32.
1885	Hartford	W. S. Bronson	Elizur Cook	J. V. Garlon	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	C. W. Holman	Matt. 28: 20.
1887	New Britain	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	B. W. Lockhart	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	D. H. Taylor	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	P. G. Wightman	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. R. Gow	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	W. G. Fennell	Matt. 17: 20.
1892	Williamantic	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. S. James	Heb. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	H. M. Thompson	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. B. Lemon	Jonah 3: 22.
1895	Bridgeport	Francis Wayland	P. S. Evans	J. D. Herr, D.D.	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	J. H. Mason	Rom. 13: 8.
1897	Hartford	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Wm. D. McKinney	Zech. 4: 6.
1898	Meriden	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	E. M. Potcut, D.D.	Phil. 3: 10, 11.
1899	Waterbury	Wm. A. Grippin	P. S. Evans	Henry Clarke	John 18: 6.
1900	New Haven	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. G. McKeever	11 Cor. 2: 14.
1901	New Britain	Carnot O. Spencer	P. S. Evans	F. J. Parry	Acts 1: 8.

REGISTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Ashford Association.

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
Brooklyn.....	B. Y. P. U.....	William Potter.....	Ethel Young.....	25
Danielson.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Geo. H. Crowell.....	Miss E. F. Babson.....	80
Eastford.....	"	Ida George.....	Mrs. David Perry.....	23
Putnam.....	B. Y. P. U.....	J. P. Bowen.....	Georgiana King.....	67
Stafford.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Mrs. Hulda Wakefield.....	Lottie Connors.....	28
Thompson Center.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Henry Converse.....	H. A. Tracy.....	44
Warrenville.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	G. C. Chappell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.....	58
Westford.....	"	H. C. Barlow.....	Everet H. Barlow.....	33
Willimantic.....	"	Ida Smith.....	C. Belle Martin.....	66
Willington.....	"	A. A. Preston.....	Jennie Holt.....	34
Willington, South.....	"	Mr. Edwards.....	Walter Allen.....	26
Woodstock, South.....	"	Albert H. Williams.....	John H. Williams.....	28
Woodstock, West.....	"	Nettie Z. Phillips.....	Mary B. Corbin.....	46

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Lewis P. Hall.....	Clara Williamson.....	62
" German.....	"	Jacob Ratzlaff.....	Annie Dietz.....	27
" Immanuel.....	"	W. S. Bronson.....	Miss E. Knapp.....	32
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.....	T. Clafford.....	S. Samuelson.....	42
" R. Wash. Ave.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Leslie Whitney.....	Horace L. Moorey.....	52
Danbury, Second.....	"	Charles Jones.....	Fannie Hopkins.....	40
" New Hope.....	"	W. A. Brown.....	F. Arthur Jones.....	8
New Milford.....	"	Walter Soule.....	Mrs. W. C. Hine.....	18
Norwalk, First.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Chas. Yost.....	Mary A. Hyatt.....	50
" Calvary.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	R. B. Williams.....	Minnie Maddox.....	25
Rowayton.....	"	Nellie Ogden.....	Ida Sherer.....	54
South Norwalk.....	"	Walter Aiken.....	Ethel Robins.....	67
Stamford, First.....	B. Y. P. U.....	E. C. Waterbury.....	C. B. Lounsbury.....	48
Stamford, Union.....	U. B. C. E....	S. A. Jones.....	Mrs. Henry Wilson.....	22
White Hills.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Mrs. J. D. Tomlinson.....	Bessie Sharp.....	18

Hartford Association.

Bristol.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	Clarke Ludrigson.....	Mrs. Lewis Mix.....	68
Canton.....	"	Lena Wheelock.....	Asa Case.....	18
East Cornwall.....	"	Myron B. Curtis.....	R. R. Thompson.....	18
Hartford, Asylum Ave.....	"	Fred L. Adams.....	Daisy Wilbur.....	34
" First.....	Y. P. A.....	E. L. Upton.....	C. A. Barstow.....	160
" Memorial.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Miss M. H. Johnson.....	Florence Hale.....	56
" Olivet.....	Y. P. S. C. E....	F. A. Guild.....	Geo. N. Connell.....	37
" Shiloh.....	"	Esther Baylor.....	John Jones.....	33
" South.....	"	G. D. Jameson.....	H. M. Blanchard.....	50
" Swede.....	"	Rev. J. Friberg.....	F. Johnson.....	38
" Union.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Geo. W. Litchfield.....	Senie Calland.....	29

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
New Britain.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Addie Lyman.....		65
New Britain, German.....	Y. P. U.	Louis Mitchells.....	J. Sabotke.....	31
Plainville.....	B. Y. P. U.	J. H. Mitchell.....	Ida Tuttle.....	27
Rockville.....	"	Joseph Chatham.....	Annie Chapman.....	76
South Windsor.....	"	Kate Parmlee.....	Annie Jennings.....	16
Suffield, Jr.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. O. O. Fletcher.....	Leila Williams.....	54
" Second.....	"	A. B. Watson.....	B. F. Schlessinger.....	45
Tariffville.....	"	H. G. W. Moore.....	L. C. Roraback.....	39
Torrington.....	"	Frank Foley.....	Mrs. W. Smith.....	37
West Hartford.....	"	C. E. Millard.....	Mrs. H. Andrews.....	23
Winsted.....	"	Chester Sweet.....	G. G. Sanford.....	45

New Haven Association.

Ansonia.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Nellie Davenport.....	Cecile Taft.....	88
" Second.....	"	M. R. Roscoe.....	Arthur Johnson.....	25
Branford.....	"	Mrs. Bertha Lounsbury.....	Josephine McKean.....	40
Chester.....	B. Y. P. U.	Carrie Van Woert.....	Clara Wooster.....	61
Cromwell.....	"	Helen A. Stevens.....	Ada Johnson.....	18
Deep River.....	B. U. C. E.	M. W. Curtis.....	Grace E. Ferguson.....	47
Essex.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. Leigh Pratt.....	Grace Goddard.....	45
Meriden, First.....	"	Charles Saunders.....	Lula Williams.....	80
" German.....	"	John Schuster.....	Anna Unger.....	22
" Main St.....	"	H. W. Kingsley.....	Eva Ray.....	54
" Swede.....	"	Gust Johnson.....	August Lorson.....	39
Middletown.....	B. Y. P. U.	W. J. Trevithick.....	Cory E. Miller.....	117
Milford.....	"	Mrs. Mattie Diggs.....	Viola McIntyre.....	20
New Haven, Calvary.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Miss M. R. Webster.....	Grace Walker.....	64
" First.....	"	Florence Watrous.....	Bertha Busse.....	40
" German.....	"	John Fischer.....	Edward Runge.....	84
" Grand Av.....	"	Mark Hare.....	Miss Bilson.....	93
" Hope.....	"	G. H. Priest.....	Ruby A. Waite.....	58
" How. Ave.....	"	Mrs. N. F. Thompson.....	Jeannette Parmlee.....	40
" Immanuel.....	"	James W. Pugh.....	Carrie Alexander.....	54
" Swede.....	B. Y. P. U.	G. W. Errickson.....	Hjalmar Nelson.....	55
Plantsville.....	"	Ellen Larson.....	Mrs. W. Shephardson.....	25
Shelton.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	H. O. Davidson.....	Hattie Wheeler.....	27
Southington.....	"	S. H. McKensie.....	Lindsay P. Hutton.....	24
Wallingford.....	"	Murray B. Leete.....	Ethel M. Norton.....	20
Waterbury, First.....	"	Charles P. Haight.....	Jesse E. Clarke.....	86
" Second.....	"	Charles E. Gough.....	Mrs. F. C. Lowry.....	29
Yalesville.....	"	W. T. McKensie.....	Bessie M. Kendrick.....	27

New London Association.

Colchester.....	B. Y. P. U.	L. C. Brown.....	Deborah I. Strong.....	23
" Scott Hill.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Orrin M. Price.....	Angie Price.....	26
East Haddam.....	"	A. F. Williams.....	Sarah Emmons.....	11
Lebanon.....	"	Leroy Lillie.....	Hattie J. Manley.....	30
Lyme, North.....	"	J. W. Stark.....	May E. Stark.....	31
" Old.....	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. J. R. Very.....	Lucy E. Caulkins.....	16
Montville.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Geo. P. Smith.....	Miss I. M. Browning.....	40
New London, First.....	"	Lee H. White.....	Ruth Chappell.....	100
" Huntington St.....	"	Almeda Cowles.....	Ernest Phillips.....	62

CHURCH.	SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	Total Members.
Niantic.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Myrtle Havens.....	Lena Clarke.....	63
Norwich, Central.....	"	Andrew B. Davis.....	Martha H. Ambler.....	131
" First.....	"	Allen G. Thornton.....	Mary Cowan.....	46
" Third.....	"	Miss N. M. Anderson.....	Miss Nellie Frink.....	47
Quaker Hill.....	"	Geo. Hesler.....	Jennie Strickland.....	22
Waterford.....	C. E.....	D. C. Williams.....	Myra Peabody.....	44

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Heights.....	B. Y. P. U.....	John E. Leavit.....	Irving Poppe.....	38
Jewett City.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	Mrs. M. E. G. Wilson.....	Nellie P. Franklin.....	26
Mystic Union.....	"	E. B. Seaman.....	Emeline M. Wilbur.....	50
Noank.....	B. Y. P. U.....	W. A. Frazer.....	Abbie Palmer.....	124
N. Stonington, Third.....	"	Arthur White.....	Mamie E. Chapman.....	52
Plainfield Union.....	"	A. G. Denison.....	May Anderson.....	43
Poquonnoc.....	"	B. I. Gardner.....	S. A. Kingsley.....	112
Preston City.....	Y. P. S. C. E.....	Mrs. J. F. Richardson.....	Chas. Zabriskie.....	40
Sterling.....	"	E. E. Freeman.....	Bertha Freeman.....	12
Stonington.....	"	Miss Char. Pendleton.....	Eleanor Hinckley.....	24
Voluntown.....	B. Y. P. U.....	Mrs. E. Dewhurst.....	Bertha E. Lewis.....	21

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

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Andover . . .	Rev. C. N. Nichols	Raymond Tucker.
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Danielson . . .	H. C. Warren . .	H. E. Burton.
Eastford . . .	H. Buell . . .	Sarah Simmons.
Mansfield . . .	Edgar F. Stone .	Mabel Slate.
Putnam . . .	N. A. Ballard . .	Edith C. Bowen.
Stafford . . .	Rev. Geo. Williams	Edna Goodell.
Thompson, Center	John D. Converse	Ellen Erickson.
Thompson, East	Arod Ormsby . .	Rhoda Thatcher.
Warrenville . .	Z. B. Bicknell . .	Ida Murphy.
Westford . . .	A. G. Barlow . .	Mrs. Chas. Davis.
Willimantic . .	Fayette Goss . .	Arthur N. Potter.
Willington . .	Legrand Johnson	Daisy H. Dimock.
" South	Wm. H. Brackett	John Wadsworth.
Woodstock . .	B. W. Bates . .	H. H. Richmond.
" South	Arthur D. Williams	C. A. Harrington.

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First	Louis Morris . .	Burpee E. Shaw.
" German	Emil Wehger . .	Jacob Ratzlaff.
" Immanuel	Sam'l Vanstane .	Mrs. L. Vanstane.
" Messiah	W. N. Morton . .	M. Taylor.
" Swede	S. Swanson . . .	A. H. Nilson.
" E. Wash. av.	John W. Barnes .	Hubert Shaw.
Danbury, Second	Chas. R. Helin . .	I. E. Andrews.
" New Hope	J. D. Kearney . .	C. Johnson.
Easton . . .	R. H. Sherman . .	Chas. S. Powell.
Greenwich . . .	F. Spear . . .	Ethel Irwin.
New Canaan . .	Edward Ball . .	Leon Tuttle.
New Milford . .	W. C. Hine . . .	Edith Crossman.
Norwalk, First	L. H. Scofield . .	Fanton Beers.
" Calvary	D. C. Thomas . .	Jessie Whitehead.
Rowayton . . .	J. H. Sherer . .	Wm. Sniffin.
South Norwalk .	W. H. Hubbard . .	H. C. Sherer, M.D.
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Stratfield . . .	Homer Sturges .	Julian B. Wilson.
Stratford . . .	Thomas Jefferson .	Julia Taylor.
White Hills . . .	Fred B. Drew .	Bessie Sharp.

Hartford Association.

Bantam . . .	Edgar F. Wedge .	Lizzie Hallock.
Bloomfield . . .	A. Kelley . . .	A. Henn.
Bristol . . .	W. L. Hart . . .	George H. Saxton.
Canton . . .	Mrs. Asa Case . .	Mrs. Asa Case.
Colebrook, North .	Geo. Watrous . .	Mrs. J. C. Gavin.
" South . . .	J. A. Moore . . .	Sarah Brown.
Cornwall, East . .	R. F. Thompson .	R. F. Thompson.
" Hollow . .	Mrs. L. S. Chipman	Carrie B. Bowman.
Hartford, Asylum av.	David G. Smythe .	W. J. Tuller.
" First . . .	E. B. Boynton . .	W. D. Johnson.
" Memorial .	H. H. Dickinson .	H. D. Burnham.
" Olivet . . .	Geo. B. Bashwell .	Geo. N. Connell.
" South . . .	F. M. Tucker . .	Geo. M. Smith.
" Union . . .	J. O. Taylor . . .	Ida Knight.
" Shiloh . . .	J. S. Taylor . . .	John Jones.
" Swede . . .	C. A. Johnson . .	Helma Johnson.
New Britain, First .	E. W. Wightman .	Horace W. Eddy.
" German . .	A. F. Eichstaedt .	Ferd. Young.
" Swede . . .	A. B. Pierson . .	N. P. Bergman.
New Hartford . . .	James E. Stanley .	Mrs. Minnie Tuttle.
Plainville . . .	Mr. C. H. Bronson .	Miss Jessie Goodrich.
Rockville . . .	Annie Chapman . .	Leander Boseley.
South Windsor . . .	W. B. Parmelee . .	Annie Jennings.
Suffield, First . . .	Harvey Linsley . .	Ida L. Stites.
" Second . .	F. B. Hatheway . .	Nellie M. Lipps.
Tariffville . . .	Wm. H. Pease . . .	E. C. Willoughby.
Torrington . . .	Charles H. Parker .	Mrs. Gertrude Dupont.
West Hartford . . .	Benj. DesJardins .	Carrie A. Elmer.
Wethersfield . . .	C. T. Eccleston . .	Bell L. Hurlburt.
Winsted . . .	Ralph A. Sanford .	Anna E. Norton.

New Haven Association.

Ansonia, First . . .	B. F. Leach . . .	H. G. Fosdick.
" Macedonia .	M. R. Roscoe . . .	Arthur Johnson.
Branford . . .	W. N. Boynton . .	E. C. Johnson.
Cheshire . . .	Mrs. Harriet Nichols	Mrs. Emma Allen.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Chester . . .	S. E. Ackley . . .	Theodore Foster.
Clinton . . .	E. R. Bacon . . .	W. H. Kelsey, 2d.
Cromwell . . .	E. T. Johnson . . .	Miss Helen Stevens.
Deep River . . .	Nelson Mather . . .	Irene Gilbert.
Essex . . .	L. P. Parker . . .	C. G. Waterhouse.
Haddam . . .	W. A. Bronson . . .	Mrs. S. S. Gilbert.
Meriden, First . . .	F. L. Huntington . . .	L. H. Perkins.
" Park Ave. . .	Robert Daybill . . .	John Whitmore.
" Olive Branch . . .	A. J. Wright . . .	E. M. Ives.
" German . . .	W. Haigis . . .	John Pidell.
" Main St. . .	C. D. Leach . . .	Chas. Glantz.
" Swede . . .	H. E. Hanson . . .	R. W. Kohler.
Middletown . . .	W. J. Trevithick . . .	G. L. Hayes.
Milford . . .	A. K. B. Taylor . . .	Laura Taylor.
Montowese . . .	A. S. Barnes . . .	Miss F. M. Barnes.
N. Haven, Calvary. . .	Henry H. Taylor . . .	Miss L. J. Miner.
" First . . .	Pierce N. Welch . . .	John I. Jacobus.
" German . . .	Wm. Schlessler . . .	Edw. Rungee.
" Grand Ave. . .	C. D. Manwaring . . .	D. M. Stevens.
" Hope . . .	T. D. Jenkins . . .	A. H. Buckingham.
" Howard Av. . .	Edwin Sweet . . .	G. Guy Willis.
" Immanuel . . .	Algie Epps . . .	George Mokens.
" Olivet . . .	Edwin Sweet . . .	Thomas W. Rice.
" Swede . . .	G. W. Errickson . . .	Anne Nelson.
Plantsville . . .	Walter Pratt . . .	Ada S. Frisbee.
Shelton . . .	John Lawson . . .	Marian Hanna.
Southington . . .	M. H. Holcomb . . .	Levi E. Southworth.
Wallingford . . .	C. H. Brown . . .	Chas. Dunn.
Waterbury, First . . .	D. L. Smith . . .	Louis A. Pichard.
" German . . .	H. Smithkausler . . .	Mary Schoeck.
" Second . . .	R. G. Snagg . . .	Mrs. W. F. Bronneke.
Yalesville . . .	E. S. May . . .	Archie G. Prisk.

New London Association.

Bozrah . . .	Lewis Ford . . .	Grace J. Ford.
Colchester . . .	L. C. Sherman . . .	Deborah Strong.
Fitchville . . .	W. H. Robinson . . .	Mrs. Jennie Phillips.
Haddam, East . . .	Sidney S. Carter . . .	Mary Wakeman
Lake's Pond . . .	W. R. Gardner . . .	Strong G. Gardner.
Lebanon . . .	Mrs. Phebe C. Irish . . .	A. R. Lathrop.
Lyme, East . . .	C. M. Reed . . .	Mrs. F. E. Newton.
" North . . .	C. S. Jewett . . .	Arthur Sweet.
" Old . . .	E. D. Caulkins . . .	B. R. Clark.
Montville . . .	M. V. B. Brainard . . .	Richard Latimer.

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" Hunt'n st	Walter M. Slocum .	Edith Beebe. .
" Shiloh .	F. D. Randall .	F. S. James.
Niantic . . .	John W. Luce .	Myrtle Havens.
Norwich, Central .	S. B. Palmer .	R. R. Wilcox.
" First .	W. R. Cowan, Jr.	Mrs. H. R. Sargent.
" Mt. Calvary.	P. T. Young .	B. Greenleaf.
" Third .	T. A. Perkins .	S. D. Barnes.
Quaker Hill . .	L. A. Comstock .	Jennie Comstock.
Salem . . .	Will Parkerson .	Victoria Wade.
Scott Hill . .	G. H. Morgan .	Belle Loomis.
Waterford . .	C. H. Peabody .	Gaius Barrett.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton, Center .	Geo. M. Daboll .	H. B. Chapman.
" First . .	Simeon Gallup .	Clara C. Burnet.
" Heights .	David Bosworth .	Catharine Watrous.
Jewett City . .	John Armstrong .	James B. Palmer, Jr.
Laurel Glen . .	C. P. Holdridge .	D. E. Holdridge.
Lantern Hill . .	Hattie B. Main .	Julius E. Main.
Ledyard . . .	Miss H. L. Brown .	Albert S. Brown.
Mystic Union . .	Wm. H. Smith .	R. H. Murphy.
Noank . . .	Robert Palmer .	C. M. Chester.
N. Stonington, F'st.	Elmer Coon .	Sarah T. Palmer.
" Second .	C. C. Grey .	Ella J. Wheeler.
" Third .	Mrs. Chester Vaaine .	Ida M. Chapman.
Packerville . .	Calvin York .	Miss M. B. Hopkins.
Plainfield Union .	Frank B. Clark .	Charles D. West.
Poquonnoc Bridge .	Cyrus Avery .	Miss Mary Wells.
Preston City . .	John O. Peckham .	Mrs. Annie Crary.
Quiambaug . .	J. H. Wilcox .	J. H. Wilcox.
Sterling . . .	S. P. Green .	Albert Stanton.
Stonington, First .	Erastus D. Smith .	J. W. Tillinghast.
" Third .	Benj. F. Ross .	Mrs. Mary E. Bunyon.
Voluntown . .	Rev. E. Dewhurst .	Julia A. Fish.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American
Baptist Home Mission Society.

The work of a Home Missionary Society differs much from that of a Foreign. Not only must funds be collected and conditions among the needy be presented before our constituency, but if we would surely honor the name of our Master, we must also take a hand in removing hindrances in the shape of growing evils, which not only embarrass but threaten in many places to overwhelm the work and make it of no effect. When the Lord placed man upon this earth He commissioned him to overcome it, and surely this is as necessary concerning the rank weeds which interfere with spiritual progress as with the difficulties that stand in the way of agricultural development. The call came to us as a society to perform a service looking to the uprooting of the poisonous plant becoming so strong under the protection of our government, holding in its grasp a large part of our Western territory.

The petition looking toward this end has been circulated diligently in many places, and a long list of signers bears testimony to earnest interest and faithful work; in one case a lady eighty years of age writes: "I have worked up to the last minute, and hope the interest in this movement has been general." This friend's list shows 113 Putnam signers; another church sends 305 names. These few instances are evidence of a determination on the part of both pastors and people, to leave no effort untried which seeks to secure purity and righteousness in American homes.

Turning to the usual work of our Society, we find that each Association has been guided by tried and true workers. Many opportunities have been given for presenting the various phases of our work at the usual public meetings, and also before many churches, circles, and Missionary Reading Clubs. The response has been hearty and cordial, and while the increase asked has been realized in only a few cases, we are assured the cause holds a very warm place in many hearts, and is firmly established in the interests of our churches generally.

While the work of our Society among its beneficiaries is educational and evangelistic, the blessing in both these forms returns to the hearts of the givers, they being inspired to a fuller consecration because of the education received in the service.

Our financial aim for this year, now more than half gone, is the same as we intended for last year, an increase of one-third over the gift

of 1899, or a total of \$5,500 from Connecticut for the work of the W. A. B. H. M. S. As our country expands the work must be enlarged.

Hartford Association, so well led during the past year by Mrs. J. A. Smith, must again seek a new director; ill health and removal make this change necessary. With regret we accept the resignation of Mrs. Smith, whose faithful and systematic work make us feel that her year in the service was too short a term. Ashford and Stonington Union continue as for several years, while the three Associations of South Western Connecticut have so far had the same able leadership.

There is special need to remember the claims of *Home Mission Echoes*. Let us see to it that our clubs and single subscriptions are not allowed to lapse. In one church visited in the summer, the *Echo* agent had grown weary of the work and neglected to secure the usual renewals; after a month or two had passed the subscribers began to inquire why their papers were not forthcoming. A more business-like method would have prevented this. Over against this incident let me tell you of one of our Junior leaders, who says: "There are fifty families in my church; I will not rest until there are fifty copies of *Echoes* taken." Some can only give money, which though necessary in every missionary endeavor, "is really our most ignoble service." We are told the early Christians first gave their own selves. The King's business requires haste, but it also calls for careful planning, and accuracy of administration, truly a giving of our own selves. Only 1,663 copies of *Home Mission Echoes* were reported on Connecticut's mailing list last May. Let us try to double that number in our state before next spring. A word of appreciation is always an encouragement, and just here I would quote from J. G. Walker, of Philadelphia, who in speaking on "The Demands of the Hour," said:—

"The increased interest in missionary operations during recent years, and the augmented contributions for missionary enterprises, were due largely to the methods employed by the women of our churches for supplying information, and for keeping old and young alike in intelligent, and practical, and constant co-operation with missionary organizations."

Let us, as women of the churches, continue in this good work, seeking to place our mission papers in every home, and to have them read to good purpose.

Our gift for Woman's Home Missions for the year ending April 1, 1901, was \$3,469.68, of which \$624.30 was for Alaska. We gratefully acknowledge a contribution of \$75 toward the latter fund, from the Alliance of New Haven. We rejoice in every effort for the cause we love, which means so much for the salvation of the world. Let us remember that there are multitudes of the women in our churches not yet enlisted in this work.

Let us educate new donors and a host of beneficiaries at the same time, while we continue to lead the children and youth who look to us for help along the line of Christian living and giving.

HELEN R. DEWHURST.

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Mrs. HELEN R. DEWHURST, Voluntown, Vice-President Northeastern Connecticut.

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Miss MARY L. HOWARD, 67 Collins St., Hartford, Ass't Vice-President.

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 Junior,
 Stonington Union,
 Junior,
 New London,
 Junior,
 Hartford,
 Junior,
 New Haven,
 Junior,
 Fairfield,
 Junior,

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 Miss GRACE SPAULDING, Moosup.
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 Mrs. J. A. SMITH, Bristol. (Resigned.)
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 Mrs. M. W. SILLIMAN, Norwalk.
 Miss EMMA L. DAVIS, Stamford.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Connecticut.

Time's tireless pointer has again traversed that unseen dial which marks the progress of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Connecticut, and indicates today the closing period in the third decade of its official life. The interesting recital of its chronology by one intimately connected with the society since its organization requires no additional comment. We must strive to emulate in the future this grand record of its early years. In passing from the state leadership of the Junior work to the same intimate connection with the Senior department, I have to report an increase in contributions from last year. As, however, but one legacy of \$175 has been received as compared with \$2,000 which accrued the preceding year from two bequests, the total amount sent from Connecticut to the treasurer is less by \$700 than that of the year ending April 1, 1900.

Within the past thirty years American Baptist women have contributed for women's work in heathen lands a little over \$2,000,000. More than \$125,000 has been gathered in Connecticut—\$460 was reported the first year after organization; \$2,079 the second, and \$5,097 for the year ending April 1, 1901. This amount given for the general purposes of the society, for Hasseltine House, and for the Home for the Children of Missionaries, represents special donations and legacies, collections at public gatherings, and offerings from the membership of the Senior and Junior Departments in our state. This is a noble record, and we are filled with gratitude for the generous hearts and open hands of our sisters who have devised and accomplished such liberal things. But we would not content ourselves with past results. You will notice but a small portion of our resident women are numbered in the list of contributors and the ideal of our organized work, two cents a week from every woman in churches, is far from realization. May I suggest as our purpose for the coming year a stronger concerted effort to secure a contribution from every resident woman? Would that each one who reads this message might become a self-constituted committee to accomplish this end in her own church. The monthly gift of a nickel (just the price of a trolley ride and of some other things too), added to the monthly gift of a postage stamp from the individual woman would largely increase our receipts. Our Board at Boston has asked for an advance of 25 per cent. in contributions. Do not answer *nay* without carefully considering the need of additional output, and the glorious results which may follow. Some changes have occurred among the secretaries of the Associations. Brief mention of their work is herewith presented:

Mrs. Atherton, the active secretary of the Ashford Association, who reports a contribution from every church save one, writes: "We have made some progress; let us thank God and take courage. Greater interest is manifested among the smaller churches, and a mutual spirit of missionary zeal and purpose exists between the Woman's Circles and Farther Lights." One sister from this field sends this message: "What hath God wrought, but at what cost of suffering to His dear children. Oh, that all His people would realize the opportunities given them in these eventful days." The faithful and continuous labors of Mrs. Hoyt in the Fairfield Association, have aroused new interest during the past year. Although the number of contributors has lessened, amounts are larger. I regret to state that ill health compels Mrs. Hoyt to withdraw at this date from activity in the Association. We release her with sincere regret, and hope for her speedy restoration to health and to the work she has greatly enjoyed and successfully prosecuted. We also hope soon to be able to introduce as her successor one whom she herself has designated, who will do efficient service. Mrs. Strong, the hopeful secretary of the Hartford Association, reports gain in number of contributors and increased offerings. She makes appreciate reference to the aid of Mrs. G. M. Stone, president of the Hartford Conference. Miss Twiss, secretary of the New Haven Association, stands foremost

among the workers in term of service and advance in results; 300 added contributors, and \$1,200 amount of offerings is her remarkable record. Within the New London Association Mrs. Lester earnestly strives against decrease in contributions corresponding to reduced membership of resident women. The death of Mrs. J. C. Hyde of Quaker Hill is recognized as a severe bereavement. Though connected with the Junior interests, her influence extended to all branches. Successors may arise, but her place in the hearts of her friends can never be filled. Stonington Union has met a double experience in removals. Besides the retirement of Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Latham, the Associational Secretary, resigned on account of absence from the state. Miss Harriet Fish, also of Mystic, after a little accepted the position for which we are fully assured she has exceptional fitness. The stated conference meetings and gatherings at the time of the assembling of the various Associations have been well attended and replete with interest. Mrs. Carlin, Mrs. Downie, and Mrs. Hicks among others have been heard in the state with much pleasure. The annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in April at Hartford, and the missionary exercises of the May anniversaries at Springfield, have afforded unusual opportunities to Connecticut women. We earnestly hope this year which opens the new century and another decade of state organization may witness an impressive forward movement.

HELEN MANNING KENT, *State Secretary.*

October 16, 1901.

ASSOCIATIONS.	SECRETARIES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Circles.	No. of Contributors.	No. of Helping Hand.	Amount Contributed.	No. Resident Women.
Ashford.....	Mrs. W. L. Atherton.....	18	13	225	104	\$512.61	815
Fairfield.....	Mrs. J. B. Hoyt (resigned)	21	11	147	68	655.00	1960
Hartford.....	Mrs. H. L. Strong.....	28	14	470	193	931.18	2459
New Haven.....	Miss F. L. Twiss.....	33	29	1037	245	1065.57	4105
New London.....	Mrs. S. A. Lester.....	23	13	267	113	382.65	1751
Stonington Union.	Miss Harriet Fish.....	16	12	333	121	402.18	1549
		139	92	2489	8478	\$3849.19	13739

THE REPORT OF MRS. F. W. PAYNE, STATE JUNIOR
SECRETARY, WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OCTOBER, 16, 1901.

"To be discouraged by past failures or to sleep on the field of past successes is alike fatal to the realization of the Divine will." With this thought in mind we begin our work for the Winter. The fact that two important Associations have been without Junior Secretaries for half

the year has retarded the work in the state, but we are hoping now to soon have these vacancies filled.

It has been thought best to urge upon our leaders throughout the state two things, viz: — The importance of having the Primary Classes at work (using, either the little safes, one for each child, or the larger boxes for general contribution). And the teacher supplied with the new and interesting "Missionary Talks for Primary Classes."

Secondly—the necessity of circulating Missionary literature—especially "The Helping Hand" for young people and "Around the World," for Sunday schools. We rejoice that several schools have felt their need and report fifty or a hundred copies taken monthly. May other schools see the benefit which must surely come from the circulation of such a paper, and hasten to supply this requisite for growth.

Of all who read this we ask, "Can you help?"

Many of the Secretaries in their reports say, "we lack leaders." Again, "can you help?"

Every thoughtful Christian realizes the importance of this Junior work, that it is the foundation of the church of the future. We are the builders of the present, let us try to do our work well so that it will last for all time. Ashford Association is still in the faithful care of Miss Helen Cranska, who takes a personal interest in the various societies reported to her. She plans to visit those that seem to need encouragement, and writes, "Have a good word from all the societies under my care." Contribution, \$136.65.

Fairfield Association has a new Secretary in Miss Laura Doty, who fully realizes the opportunities for work in her field, and also the importance thereof. We are hoping for good results from this energetic leader. Contribution, \$98.15.

Hartford Association is unfortunately without a Secretary at present, but one will be appointed this Fall, and we hope that there need not be another change, a permanent Secretary can do the best work. Many of the societies are doing bravely and new Bands are reported from country churches. Contribution, \$141.55.

New London Association has suffered the loss, by death, of two Secretaries in a little over a year. Mrs. J. C. Hyde's faithful and enduring work has enabled the various societies to continue and the report is gratifying. We had hoped to give the name of our new Secretary in this report, but her answer has been delayed. Contribution, \$188.16.

New Haven Association is the banner one of the state in almost every department of Junior work. Miss Potter, although a busy teacher, finds time to write to her thirty-six churches and send us most thorough reports. We have asked the leader of the Montwese Band to attend our Secretaries meeting here and tell us of the methods that have made her Band so successful. Contribution, \$264.09.

Stonington Union (\$89.32) has another interested and hard working Secretary in Mrs. Wolfe. She has organized some new Farther Lights Circles. Of her report she says— "These are but bare facts, this

does not tell of the struggles and the victories of the lights wavering and flickering and almost ready to go out, replenished and encouraged. The little sparks kindled we are trying to encourage until they become so filled with His love "In whom there is no darkness," they will be bright shining lights, sending their light over land and sea." This is a bright and hopeful wish which we echo for the whole state work.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE THIRTY YEARS OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

October 16, 1901.

It is a trite saying that "History repeats itself," for did not the Psalmist say truly, "The Lord gave the word, and great was the company of women that published it"; and down through the ages, where the women have loved and served the Lord, civilization has been at its highest level.

The Woman's Union Missionary Society organized by Mrs. Doremus of New York, prepared the way for denominational societies, and the Baptist women began their distinctive work as an organization April 3, 1871, when two hundred women met in the Clarendon Street Baptist church, Boston, and adopted a constitution, with the name, The Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, auxiliary to The American Baptist Missionary Union. Subsequently the word Foreign was added, upon the formation of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies. The cause found a ready response in the hearts of the women of this commonwealth, when under the leadership of Mrs. O. W. Gates of Norwalk, a meeting was held at South Norwalk and addressed by Mrs. M. H. Bixby, in August, 1871. From that meeting an influence followed, which resulted in the immediate formation of auxiliaries throughout the state. The first annual meeting was held in Waterbury, October 16, 1872, when thirty-nine auxiliaries were reported by Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. S. M. Whiting, who had spent eleven years in Assam, India, made the address. Annually these meetings have been held. Mrs. Whiting succeeded Mrs. Gates in April, 1873, and served the society continuously until her death, in May, 1891. We are sure the memory of her devoted, loving service, still lingers in the hearts of many whom she inspired to a noble missionary zeal. Through her influence the three conferences of the state were organized; namely, the Southwestern, the Hartford, and the Eastern. By this means the semi and annual meetings, a larger number of the women in the churches are brought into a closer contact with the work.

Mrs. E. W. Husted of Meriden was appointed State Secretary by the Board in the autumn of 1891, but owing to ill health was obliged to resign, and later Mrs. F. G. McKeever of New London was appointed.

The culmination of a separate department for the young people had a stronger fascination for her, and she assumed the duties of Junior State Secretary in 1894. In her first report she says, "In previous years much has been done by Associational secretaries and local circles, to interest the young people and children in the work; but no attempt at Junior organization was made, until the past few months." Nine "Farther Lights" Circles were also reported. Mrs Archibald Wheaton of Mystic assumed the duties of State Secretary. In her first report, April, 1895, she said: "The work has been a great pleasure to me. It has been with me a time of growth spiritually." Leaving the state, for Jackson, Michigan, in September, 1900, Mrs. J. B. Kent of Putnam became State Secretary. The State officers have been ably served by the Association officers, and they in turn by the officers of the Circles in the churches, the name Auxiliaries having been changed to Circles. Mrs. F. W. Payne of Hartford succeeded Mrs. J. B. Kent as Junior State Secretary.

The following named ladies have served as Senior and Junior Association Secretaries.

Ashford Association—Senior, Mrs. A. D. Manning, Mrs. J. R. Stubbet, Mrs. F. L. Knapp, Mrs. J. B. Kent, Mrs. W. L. Atherton. Junior, Miss Alice A. Bartlett, Miss Helen Cranska.

Fairfield Association—Senior, Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, Mrs. J. C. Fitch, Mrs. G. G. Goulden. Junior, Miss Susie N. Paradise, Miss Carrie Gladding, Mrs. R. O. Sherwood, Miss Mary F. Partric, Miss Laura Doty.

Hartford Association—Senior, Mrs. E. Cushman, Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Miss Ella C. Bond, Miss Caroline Hansell, Mrs. H. L. Strong. Junior, Miss Louisa M. Burnham, Miss Mary A. Beardsley, Mrs. F. W. Payne, Mrs. C. R. Baldwin.

New Haven Association—Senior, Miss Fannie L. Twiss. Junior, Miss Adeline S. Johnson, Miss Mary W. Evans, Miss Mattie J. Potter.

New London Association—Senior, Mrs. L. A. Gallup, Mrs. B. A. Woods, Mrs. S. A. Lester. Junior, Miss Anne M. Gates, Mrs. E. L. Whiton, Mrs. H. L. Avery, Mrs. J. C. Hyde, Miss Lizzie Gorton. Mrs. Hyde was a most efficient worker, but death has claimed her, and we know the Lord has taken her home to dwell forever.

Stonington Union Association—Senior, Mrs. W. J. H. Pollard, Miss E. A. Deane, Mrs. A. B. Taylor, Mrs. C. H. Rowe, Miss Bessie Hancox, Mrs. Elmer Latham, Miss Harriet Fish. Junior, Miss Flora M. Finch, Mrs. C. H. Wolfe.

Yes, the women of our churches have done nobly! We would name in praise the truest gift, knowing many have wrought well in our midst, and of those whom we recall who have gone to the Foreign field from our state during these years, were Miss I. Watson, Mrs. Mela Barrows Bennett, Miss Eva L. Rolman, Miss Ella R. Church, Mrs. E. J. Cummings Park, M.D., Miss Stella Mason, Miss Ella C. Bond, Miss Annie Hopkins, Miss Johanna Schuff, of precious memory, Mrs. R. A. Thompson, and Miss Emily M. Hanna.

Three decades of consecrated thinking, praying, giving! The New

Century has brought with it new possibilities and new demands. Thousands of dollars have been laid upon the altar in the past thirty years, and in proportion to the demand may the women, young ladies, and children of our churches rise to a higher plane of giving, "as the Lord has prospered them," as the years shall come and go. For who can estimate the value of the reward the Lord has in store for those who are faithful. In closing, we would quote the words of the veteran Methodist missionary, Mrs. Butler of India, "The crown of womanhood is to be interested in Foreign missions!"

Respectfully submitted,

FANNIE L. TWISS, *Historian.*

NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN., Oct. 14, 1901.

Meeting called to order at 1:45 P. M., by the Moderator, Rev. T. A. T. Hanna.

After singing, the Moderator read the 72d Psalm.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Hand.

The Moderator made a brief introductory address.

A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. P. S. Evans, Rev. J. G. Ward.

Their report was read and adopted.

President, — Rev. J. R. STUBBERT.

Clerk, — Rev. H. M. THOMPSON.

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Directors,

Ashford Association,	E. A. BOWEN.
Fairfield "	G. BRAKER.
Hartford "	HENRY CLARKE.
New Haven "	L. W. STONE.
New London "	J. C. HYDE.
Stonington Union Asso.,	J. W. PAYNE.

Trustees of Ministers' Home, New York,

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.,
Rev. G. W. Nicholson,

Rev. J. R. Stubbert,
A. J. Sloper.

Rev. J. R. Stubbert took the Chair.

The report of the Committee on the Sabbath was read.

Rev. M. H. Pogson spoke in the interest of the Ministers' Home in New York. An offering of \$10.81 was made to the work.

The clerk reported the following changes in the Ministry of the state:

Resignations of men who left the state, 24.

Changes within the state, 5.

New men in the state, 12.

ORDINATIONS.

A. Lundin,	New Haven.
O. W. Foye,	Thompson.
Solomon D. Woods,	Rowayton.
Paul Fredericksen,	New Britain.

A committee of arrangements for the next meeting was appointed consisting of brethren Dixon, McKeever, and A. W. Hand.

The following report of the committee was adopted:

Essayist, H. M. Thompson.

Alternate, G. H. Ferris.

Essayist, L. B. Sears.

Alternate, F. S. Bacon.

An essay was read by Rev. W. G. Thomas. Theme, "The Future of the Impenitent Gospel Hearer."

An essay was also read by Rev. R. A. Ashworth. Theme, "Ethical Culture as a Religion."

Full discussion followed. The thanks of the Conference was extended to the writers.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., adjourned.

J. R. STUBBERT, *Moderator*.

H. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.

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HON. A. J. SLOPER, New Britain.	

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet was held in Casino Hall, New Britain, Wednesday evening, October 16th, the doors opening at seven o'clock sharp. Mr. Habenstein was the caterer for the evening and much credit is due him for promptness in serving at the hour designated. About 175 guests were seated at the tables. Vice-president Walker presided and after preliminary remarks and prayer introduced the Rev. Mr. McKinney of Ansonia as the presiding officer of the evening or toast-master. There were short addresses by Hon. C. O. Spencer and others.

Dr. Madison C. Peters of Brooklyn, N. Y., the principal speaker of the evening, was introduced, and delivered a keen, suggestive, and witty analysis of prevailing conditions, his topic being "*Why don't men go to Church?*" He said: "There are millions of people in this country who never go

to church except to attend a wedding or a funeral. Many of these are well disposed and intelligent. What are the causes of this? The pulpit is cowardly which does not inquire into it. The world wants the right kind of preaching. Be in earnest. Better boil over than not boil at all. Strike out straight from the shoulder. The preacher is a voice not an echo. Preach the gospel and apply it to everyday life. The church must in its methods of work adapt itself to the conditions confronting it in the twentieth century. Be progressive and sympathetic; above all let your life declare Christ. Let your Christian living be no longer secondary—put Christ first. Don't go to Heaven alone, do something for somebody before you go."

There were several selections by a male quartet, and the occasion, which was a very enjoyable one, concluded about 10 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. CHAPMAN,

Secretary pro tem.

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Baptist Union of Connecticut was held at New Britain, October 14th and 15th.

After an organ voluntary, Rev. R. Maplesden of Middletown led in a devotional service, opening with singing, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." The Scripture lesson was from the third chapter of Philippians.

President H. E. Wise, in his annual address, spoke of the "New Century Culture." This must be Christian. The motto is, "Make Jesus King." In Him all things consist. The New Century Culture must be

constructive. The purpose of the organization is the unification of the Baptist Young People—their enlistment in all service. It has been a potent factor in strengthening the Baptist Union in the land. Comparatively few societies in this state have sent in examination papers.

Solo, "The day is ended," by Miss Daskam.

Rev. G. D. Gould, the First Vice-president, read the Secretary's report.

The State work has been devoted to the unification of the Young People under one form of organization. The benefits of the C. C. C. have been demonstrated wherever adopted. No other denomination has such a good plan for study and work. Only fifty-three out of ninety societies have reported to the Secretary. It is to be hoped that the young people will take advance steps the coming year.

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was presented.

The amount received for the year,	\$60.01
Expenses,	48.31
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Balance on hand, October 14, 1901,	\$11.70

The report was accepted.

President Wise named as the Nominating Committee, A. W. Hand, E. E. Gates, E. A. Bowen, C. F. Eldredge, J. W. Payne.

Duet, "Love Divine," by Miss Daskam and Mr. Latham.

After singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," the President introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. L. L. Henson, D.D., of Providence. His theme was "The Distinguishing Features of the B. Y. P. U. Work."

We owe very much to the Christian Endeavor Society. There is no antagonism between that Society and our own. Their society emphasizes Christian activity. Our society, training for service. The end is really the same, but we go back to the foundation, and in this as in all business lines, the trained men are the successful ones. The C. C. C. is a most excellent plan to train for service. This means hard work, but it becomes a real help to every one who makes use of it. The young people are glad to take it up if the pastor leads wisely. The young people need to be trained to know the truth, and they ought to be the truth itself. There must be Christian character back of all service. The world sees the Saviour only as it sees Him in the professed Christian.

While singing two more verses of "Onward Christian Soldiers," an offering of \$7.50 was received.

Under the direction of President Wise, pledges toward the debt of the National B. Y. P. U. were received amounting to \$100.

Rev. L. L. Henson pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

After singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," Rev. N. B. Prindle offered prayer,

President Wise spoke of "The Epistle of Joy of Service." Each epistle conveys a leading thought. The thought of the Philippians is the joy in the furtherance of the Gospel. The first chapter speaks of partnership in the furtherance of the Gospel; the second chapter emphasizes the principle of service—self-emptying, self-surrender, and self-sacrifice. The third chapter speaks of progressiveness in service, and the fourth dwells upon the provision for service.

In the "Open Parliament on B. Y. P. U. Work," Rev. E. C. Sage, D.D. spoke of the danger attending the Society, and mentioned as a chief danger the departure from the original purpose of the Society—that is the training of young children, and it would be well for us to return to the first principles.

Rev. G. C. Sauer mentioned some of the "Achievements." The devising of this Society was a great achievement. It was to edify the young people connected with the churches. The work has been wonderful. The chief achievement has been in taking hold of the work in the right place, at the very foundation, and training the people for service.

Rev. W. H. Hubbard emphasized "The Possibilities." These are suggested by the motto, "Saved to Serve." Jesus came to save His people from their sins, and the possibility is that the young people may be serving in such a way as to help save the lives as well as the souls about them.

In the discussion following, Brethren Sanderson, De Carlo, and Hand took part.

Charles F. Whitney presented some "Gleanings from Chicago, 1901." Speaking of the cordial reception given, the enthusiasm evoked, the uplifting power of the music.

Rev. A. W. Hand presented the report of the Nominating Committee:

President, Rev. H. E. WISE, Norwich.

First Vice-President, Rev. G. D. GOULD, Rockville.

Second Vice-President, Rev. B. U. HATFIELD, Mystic.

Secretary, ANDREW B. DAVIES, Norwich.

Treasurer, CHARLES P. WALKER, New Haven.

President Wise spoke of C. C. Courses for 1901-2.

After repeating the twenty-third Psalm in concert, the Convention adjourned.

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

President,

Rev. G. M. STONE, D.D., Hartford.

Vice-Presidents,

Rev. J. R. STUBBERT, Southington, J. H. CROSSLEY, Bridgeport.

Secretary,

Rev. E. C. SAGE, Ph.D., New Haven.

Treasurer,

E. B. BOYNTON, Hartford.

Auditor,

THOMAS SISSON, Hartford.

Trustees,

Rev. H. M. THOMPSON, Hartford, Rev. J. H. STRONG, New Britain,
H. L. THOMPSON, Suffield, J. W. LAMB, Hartford,
Rev. F. G. McKEEVER, New London.

Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution.

Term Expires 1902.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford,	Charles L. Spencer, Suffield,
T. H. Spencer, Suffield,	E. V. Preston, Hartford,
M. M. Johnson, M.D., Hartford,	W. C. King, Springfield, Mass.,
Hon. Jas. L. Howard, Hartford,	L. P. Bissell, Suffield,
M. H. Smith, Ph.D., Suffield,	T. H. Spencer, Holyoke, Mass.,
Charles C. Bissell, Suffield,	Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., Suffield.

Term Expires 1903.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford,	F. W. Payne, Hartford,
Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D., N. Haven,	Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden,
M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield,	Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D.,
H. W. Erving, Hartford,	Providence, R. I.,
F. C. Rockwell, Hartford,	Hon. R. P. Wilbur, Mystic,
Luther Glazier, Hartford,	Rev. J. S. Lyon, Holyoke, Mass.

Term Expires 1904.

Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Meriden,	Hon. A. J. Sloper, New Britain,
Alfred Spencer, Jr., Hartford,	Pierce N. Welch, New Haven,
Prof. Wm. L. Phelps, Ph.D.,	Wm. A. Kelsey, Meriden,
New Haven,	G. M. Montgomery, Windsor Locks.

CHARTER.

Passed May, 1820.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jesse Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Asahel Otis, Jonathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society*," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications, and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place, and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their Constitution — not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said Society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be known by the name of "The Connecticut Baptist Education Society "

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. This Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually, shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates. The payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this state.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property, to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society, and at every annual meeting of the Society, they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said committee, and annually to the Society. The Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive Committee shall, annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this Society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from the Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B.—The amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21), nor more than thirty-three (33), members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

Notice.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society, will please send direct to Mr. E. B. Boynton, 902 Main street, Hartford.

All communications for the Board, or applications for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph D., 785 Orange street, New Haven.

THE EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING
OF THE
Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

NEW BRITAIN, Oct. 16, 1901.

The eighty-second annual meeting of the Society was held in the First Baptist Church, beginning at 10 A. M. The President, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., presided. The scriptures were read by Rev. A. B. Todd of Bloomfield, and prayer was offered by Mr. J. H. Crossley of Bridgeport. An address was delivered by the President, Dr. Stone, setting forth the purposes of the Society. The Chair appointed the following committees:

On Nomination—Rev. H. M. Thompson, Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Rev. C. F. Eldredge.

On Enrollment—Rev. O. O. Fletcher, D.D., Mr. J. H. Crossley, Rev. Dryden W. Phelps, Rev. F. S. Leathers.

On Nomination of Trustees—Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. A. W. Hand, Rev. T. A. T. Hanna.

The annual report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary:

The Executive Committee of the Education Society takes pleasure in presenting its annual report. It is gratifying to be able to inform the Society that the quarterly meetings of the Board, placed in charge of the administration of affairs, have been unusually well attended by its members. Free and frank discussion of all matters pertaining to its work

has been encouraged and secured, so that the decision of the Committee in every important action has been deliberate, intelligent, and in every case unanimous. Twelve young men have been given assistance during the year. The schools in which these young men have been pursuing courses of study are Brown University, Colgate University, Chicago University, Newton Theological Seminary, Crozer Theological Seminary, Kalamazoo College, and Trinity College. Eight new applications for aid have been made, several of which are now awaiting the action of the Committee. These new appeals for help have made necessary considerable correspondence, by means of which the Secretary has endeavored to gather from pastors, teachers, and friends of the applicants all possible information concerning the worthiness of the applicant and the urgency of his need. The superior character of the most of these young men who seek our assistance, and, with the pitifully limited conditions of their material resources, their heroic endeavor to fit themselves properly for their holy calling, have won the hearts of the brethren who have come to know them, and have furnished all needed inspiration to continue in their labor of love.

Because of the added demands which have been made upon our treasury without an increase of funds placed at our disposal, it has been found necessary to reduce the amount of appropriations in several cases. For many years it has been the unwritten law of the Society to appropriate to students in the academy \$100 per annum, and to those in college or seminary \$125 per annum. Circumstances have required a modification of this custom, as it is contrary to the policy of the administration to incur a debt.

Evidence has been particularly clear of late that the money put into the mental training of young preachers is well invested. One of our students, having completed his course of study, has taken an important pastorate in this state, where his thorough equipment for his ministry will be devoted to the carrying forward a work begun by the State Convention. This Society thus co-operates with our sister society, and together they further the interests of our Baptist cause within the bounds of our own commonwealth. Two of our young men have sailed to foreign fields, one going under appointment of the Missionary Union, the other sent abroad by our Foreign Missionary Society of the South. The Education Society thus co-operates with other great missionary organizations in advancing the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

EBEN C. SAGE, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Mr. E. B. Boynton, presented his report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 15, 1901.

E. B. BOYNTON, Treasurer,

in account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 17, 1900,	\$ 943 51
Contributions from churches and individuals,	1,068 22
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Total,	\$2,011 73

EXPENDITURES.

Appropriations,	\$1,102 50
Minutes for 1900,	30 00
Expenses,	18 93
Money returned to Bloomfield Church,	10 00
Balance on hand,	850 30
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Total,	\$2,011 73

STATEMENT.

Bequest (Alfred Francis, Wethersfield, Conn.),	\$1,000 00
Deficit,	149 70
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	\$850 30

E. B. BOYNTON, Treasurer,

in account with

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

1900.		Balance on hand,	\$943 51
Oct.	17.	Rev. C. A. Piddock,	5 00
	17.	Subscriptions and collections at Convention,	67 75
	26.	F. R. Bliss, New Haven,	5 00
	26.	Rev. L. O. Brooks, Bridgeport,	1 00
	26.	S. J. Hall, Meriden,	5 00
	26.	Stamford Union Church,	1 00
	26.	Stratford Church,	2 00
Nov.	6.	Winsted Baptist Church,	4 11
	7.	South Baptist Church, Hartford,	25 00
	7.	Asylum Avenue Church, "	53 70
	21.	Memorial " "	7 50
	30.	Olivet " "	2 36
Dec.	1.	Grand Avenue Church, New Haven,	6 83
	7.	Rev. W. V. Gray, Cromwell,	5 00
1901.			
Jan.	3.	Second Baptist Church, Danbury,	3 30
	10.	Geo. H. Ferris, New Haven,	1 00
	12.	Rev. H. M. Wolfe, Jr., Waterford,	1 00
	22.	Leonard Smith,	5 00
	28.	First Church, Bridgeport,	45 75
Feb.	7.	South Woodstock Church,	2 00
	8.	South Church, Hartford,	15 00
	12.	Geo. M. Morse, Putnam,	100 00
	20.	Central, Thompson, C. M. Munyon,	6 25
	27.	Olivet Church, Hartford,	2 52
Mar.	7.	Valentine Ballerd Bequest, Thompson,	50 00
	9.	Second Church, Waterford,	1 00
	11.	First Church, Essex,	13 90
	18.	Memorial " Hartford,	5 50
	20.	Bloomfield Baptist Church,	10 00
	26.	First Church, Meriden,	71 09
	30.	Bozrah Church, Fair Ground,	11 44
Apr.	3.	East Wash. Ave. Church, Bridgeport,	12 28
	6.	First Church, Wallingford,	30 00
	10.	Rockville Baptist Church,	6 80
	18.	First Church, Bridgeport,	13 00
May	9.	South Church, Hartford,	16 00
	28.	Olivet " New Haven,	17 04
	31.	" " Hartford,	2 69

June	4.	First Church, Bridgeport,	\$3 00
	5.	Hope " New Haven, Y.P.S.C.E.,	5 00
	13.	Memorial " Hartford,	18 50
July	13.	Hope " New Haven,	21 00
	15.	First " Stamford,	21 29
Aug	27.	Calvary " Torrington,	5 00
	30.	South " Hartford,	15 00
Sept.	6.	North Lyme Church,	5 00
	12.	Cornwall Hollow "	1 00
	12.	Warrenville "	1 50
	14.	First Church, Waterbury,	44 00
	2.	Niantic "	2 00
	18.	First " New London,	44 95
	20.	" " Hartford,	130 00
	28.	Central " Norwich,	50 00
	30.	Tariffville Church,	3 00
Oct.	3.	First Church, New Britain,	24 78
	3.	" " Southington,	3 00
	4.	Huntington St. Church, New London,	9 00
	7.	East Wash. Ave. " Bridgeport,	14 60
	9.	Deep River Church,	12 79

 \$2,011 73

EXPENDITURES.

1900.			
Oct.	26.	Appropriation No. 1171, I. H. Benedict,	\$31 25
		" 1172, M. A. Bolton,	31 25
		" 1173, C. F. Fields,	31 25
		" 1174, R. B. Longwell,	31 25
		" 1175, C. L. Owens,	31 25
		" 1176, E. K. Smith,	31 25
		" 1177, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25
		" 1178, M. J. Twomey,	31 25
		" 1179, A. L. Wyman,	31 25
Dec.	15,	" 1180, W. H. P. Faunce,	5 00
1901.			
Jan.	10.	Appropriation No. 1181, I. H. Benedict,	31 25
		" 1182, M. A. Bolton,	31 25
		" 1183, E. W. Darrow,	31 25
		" 1184, C. F. Fields,	31 25
		" 1185, R. B. Longwell,	31 25
		" 1186, C. L. Owens,	31 25
		" 1187, E. K. Smith,	31 25
		" 1188, R. H. Tibbals,	31 25
		" 1189, M. J. Twomey,	31 25

1901.		
Jan.	10.	Appropriation No. 1190, A. L. Wyman, \$31 25
		" 1191, P. S. Evans, 30 00
Mar.	29.	Bloomfield Church, money returned, 10 00
Apr.	8.	Appropriation No. 1192, I. H. Benedict, 31 25
		" 1193, M. A. Bolton, 31 25
		" 1194, E. W. Darrow, 31 25
		" 1195, C. F. Fields, 31 25
		" 1196, R. B. Longwell, 31 25
		" 1197, C. L. Owens, 31 25
		" 1198, R. H. Tibbals, 31 25
		" 1199, M. J. Twomey, 31 25
		" 1200, A. L. Wyman, 31 25
Apr.	19.	" 1201, E. K. Smith, 31 25
June	3.	" 1202, M. P. Hare, print'g, 6 00
July	6.	" 1203, I. H. Benedict, 31 25
		" 1204, M. A. Bolton, 31 25
		" 1205, E. W. Darrow, 31 25
		" 1206, R. B. Longwell, 31 25
		" 1207, C. L. Owens, 20 00
		" 1208, R. H. Tibbals, 31 25
		" 1209, M. J. Twomey, 20 00
		" 1210, U. S. Envelope Co., 4 25
Oct.	15.	Postage and revenue, 3 68
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		\$1,161 43
Balance on hand,		850 30
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		\$2,011 73

Examined above account, compared vouchers, and find it correct.

THOMAS SISSON,

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 15, 1901.

Auditor.

After the presentation of the needs of the society by Rev. F. G. McKeever, a collection was taken amounting to \$69.35.

The committee on enrollment reported as above. Principal H. L. Thompson gave a short account of the work being done at Suffield Academy, and Rev. Mr. Reese presented the claims of Newton Theological Seminary.

The annual address was delivered by Rev. Henry Clarke of Bristol, his subject being "The Parentage of Power."

The Committee on Nominations reported (see list of officers).

Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees of Suffield Academy (see list of officers).

Prayer was offered and the benediction pronounced by Rev. C. H. Spalding, D.D., and the Society adjourned.

EBEN C. SAGE,
Secretary.

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Adams, Rev. R. J.
 Allen, William D.
 Atwood, Elnathan
 Ambler, Annie M.
 Ambler, James I.
 Andrews, Andrew
 Andrews, Isaac
 Asby, Edward
 Bartlett, Matthew J.
 Bates, James N.
 Beach, Theodore B.
 Beaumont, J.
 Beers, George S.
 Birdsey, Linus
 Birdsey, R. C.
 Bond, Rev. J. E.
 Bromley, Isaac H.
 Bronson, Frank S.
 Brotherton, Cyrus C.
 Brown, Rev. J. P.
 Brown, L. R.
 Butrick, Rev. W. H.
 Campbell, Miss Mary
 Canfield, Charles
 Chandler, George P.
 Chapman, Silas, Jr.
 Chase, Rev. J. N.
 Clark, Mrs. Jane A.
 Clark, William B.
 Condell, A. H.
 Corbin, F. E.
 Cordo, Rev. H. A.
 Crandall, Billings F. S.
 Crandall, Miss Mary S.
 Crane, Rev. C. B.
 Crocker, Dea. Leonard
 Crocker, Orsamus
 Crofut, Henry
 Curtis, William A.
 Cutler, William D.
 Dean, Rev. Wilfred
 Denison, John L.
 Ellwood, Helen
 Evans, Rev. P. S.
 Ewing, W. A.
 Fennell, Rev. W. G.
 Filon, R. A.
 Fitch, Dr. J. C.
 Fitch, Mrs. J. C.
 Freeman, Rev. A. L.

French, David
 Fry, Mrs. John
 Gardner, Rev. Geo. H.
 Garton, Rev. J. V.
 Gates, Dea. Horace S.
 Gowen, Rev. L. D.
 Gager, Charles E.
 Green, Jay
 Gridley, Joel A.
 Griffin, C. A.
 Hamlin, F. C.
 Hart, Daniel H.
 Hayes, J. W.
 Herr, Rev. J. D., D.D.
 Herr, Mrs. J. D.
 Hiscox, Rev. E. T.
 Holbrook, Rev. C. F.
 Howard, James L.
 Hurlbut, J. W.
 Hyatt, Mary A.
 Irish, Mrs. Sarah P.
 Ives, John
 Ives, Rev. Sumner A.
 Ives, N. P.
 Ives, Mrs. Wealthy S.
 James, Rev. J. S.
 Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
 Judd, W. S.
 Kelly, J. V. D.
 Keyes, William
 Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
 Kneeland, Mrs. F. W.
 Lathrop, Rev. Edward
 Ludlow, Elizabeth
 Ludlow, Mary
 Marvin, George
 Mason, Rev. A. F.
 McCarthy, Rev. William
 McKinney, Rev. W. D.
 Merriam, J. B.
 Miller, Edward
 Miller, Benjamin L.
 Montgomery, William
 Morris, D. E.
 Morse, Rev. B. S.
 Morse, H. J.
 Mosely, E. W.
 Munyan, Chester G.
 Muzzy, Rev. Lawson
 Neale, Stephen Douglas

Newcomb, James
 Nicholson, Rev. Geo. W.
 Nordell, Spaulding
 Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
 Parker, S. A.
 Pattison, Rev. T. Harwood
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 Sloper, A. J.
 Smith, M. H.

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 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
 Southworth, Levi B.
 Stevens, W. B.
 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
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 Stidham, Rev. I. F., Ph.D.
 Stone, Rev. G. M., D.D.
 Strickland, James L.
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 Taylor, Rev. J. A.
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 Twiss, Waldo
 Vaun, Samuel A.
 Walker, W. F.
 Wallace, James A.
 Ward, N.
 Wayland, Hon. F.
 Weller, Samuel

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 West, Rev. W. Ward
 White, Abijah
 White, Mrs. Abijail
 White, J. W.
 Whitford, H. G.
 Wightman, J. E.
 Wightman, Rev. P. G.
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 Williams, Hon. D. J.
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This certifies that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town; that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgment of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possesses talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in his sacred work. He is therefore, recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in _____

Clerk.

Pastor.

This certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the clerk and pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.

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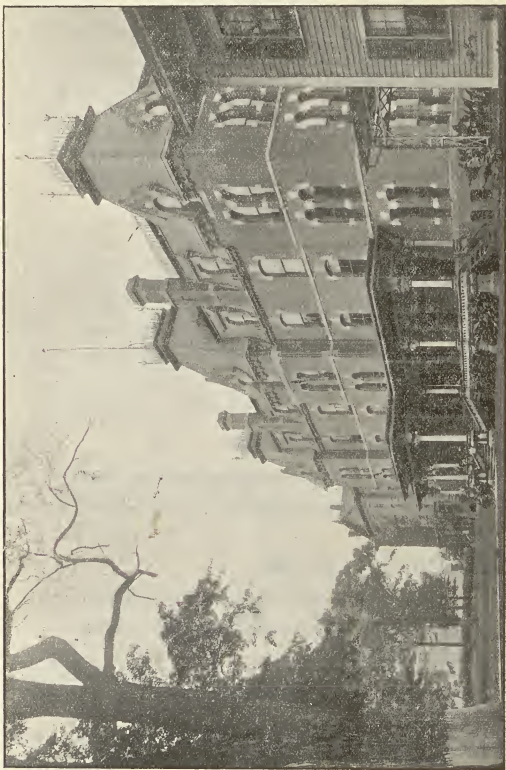
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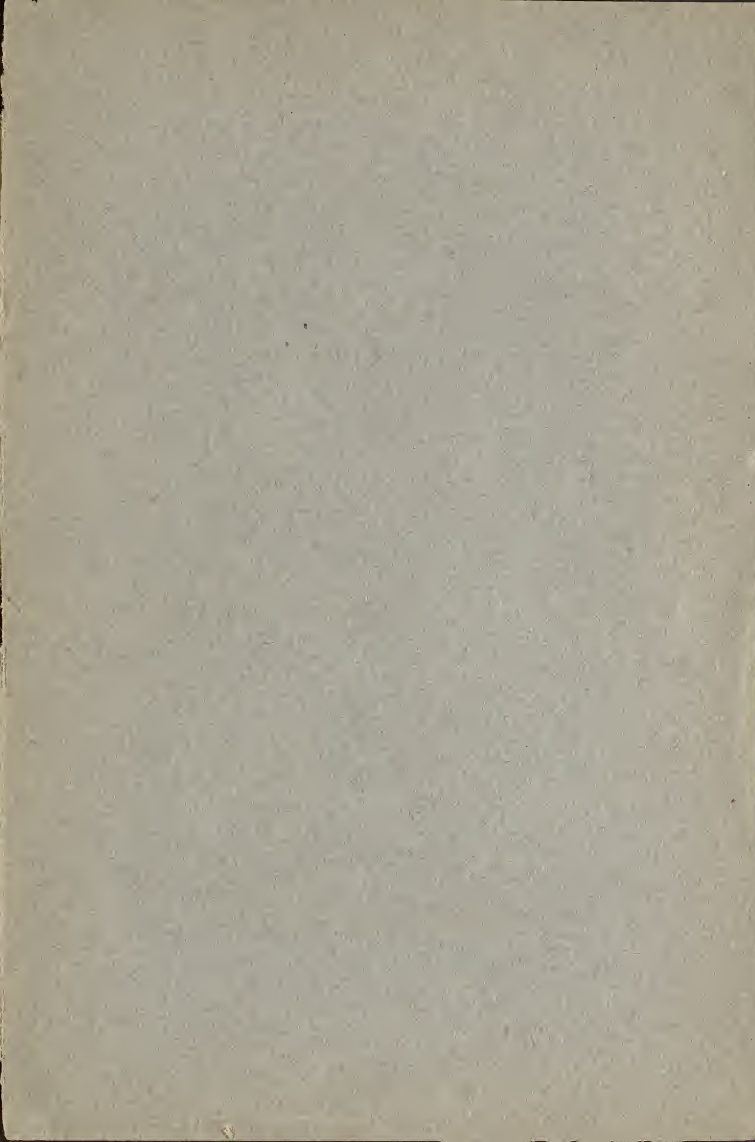
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BAPTIST STATISTICS FOR UNITED STATES.

Churches, 42,959; Baptisms in 1901, 197,235; Total Membership, 4,233,226; Contributions in 1901, \$2,688,218; Church Expenses in 1901, \$11,102,081.

Theological Schools, 7; Students, 1,040; Property and Endowment, \$3,916,190.

Universities and Colleges, 105; Students, 27,241; Property and Endowment, \$27,552,526.

Academies and Seminaries, 90; Students, 11,127; Property and Endowment, \$4,604,019.

Value of church property, \$88,146,386. Total value of property owned and controlled by the Baptists of the United States for religious and educational purposes, \$124,219,121.

WHERE TO SEND MONEY FOR MISSIONS.

<i>State Missions,</i>	Mr. W. F. Walker, New Britain, Conn.
<i>Foreign Missions,</i>	Mr. E. P. Coleman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Woman's Foreign Missions,</i>	Miss Alice E. Stedman, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Home Missions,</i>	Rev. F. T. Hazlewood, D.D., Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Woman's Home Missions,</i>	Miss Gertrude L. Davis, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
<i>Publication Society,</i>	Rev. Chas. H. Spalding, 256 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.
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